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HOW NAVY BROKE UP ATTEMPT AT LANDING

WHEN TURKEY WILL ACT

"If France does not intend to oppose German aggression and if it is understood that the British forces in the Middle East are unable to check alone the invasion of Syria, Turkey must unhesitatingly penetrate Syria with the view to taking full measures," writes the Turkish Deputy Yalchin in the Istanbul newspaper "Yeni Sabah."

Examining all possible sequels from the Vichy Government's eventual attitude and Britain's counter-action in case Germany attempted to invade Syria, the Deputy says:

"We must learn from official French leaders themselves of France's definite attitude should Germany try such an invasion."

British Subs' Success

British submarines have sunk a troopship and a tanker, and probably also a destroyer, on the line of the enemy's communications to Libya.

An Admiralty communique announcing these achievements says: "A quick further success has been reported by our submarines operating against the enemy's sea communications to Libya."

"A troopship of 9,000 tons has been sunk, a tanker of about 7,000 tons has been sunk, and an Italian destroyer has been hit by a torpedo and it is considered probable she sank."

"A large schooner of the type used by the enemy for carrying ammunition has been sunk and a somewhat smaller schooner has been shelled while at anchor and hit several times," Reuters.

ITALIANS SCATTERED IN ABYSSINIA

Referring to the position in Abyssinia, the Cairo spokesman yesterday declared the Imperial troops are moving towards the Jimma concentrations.

It must be remembered, however, that the Italians are scattered in various garrisons over an area the size of England.—Reuters.

UNDER 4,000 DEAD IN GREECE

Australian casualties in Greece totalled 3,983 men, reported General Sir Thomas Blamey, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, yesterday.

Of this figure, he said, 3,560 were killed, missing, prisoners and wounded who were left behind in Greece after the evacuation of the Imperial forces had been completed.

Seven medical officers and 150 other ranks stayed behind to take care of the wounded, knowing they had no chance of being saved.—Reuters.

FRENCH LEADER DESERTS VICHY

IT WAS CONFIRMED in Cairo yesterday that Colonel Collet, one of the most brilliant French commanders in Syria, and creator of the well-known Circassian Legion, has crossed into Transjordan from Syria en route for Palestine, accompanied by a number of other Free Frenchmen.

Colonel Collet issued a proclamation announcing his intention to join the Free French and denouncing the Vichy policy of supplying arms to Iraq.

An admission that Col. Collet has crossed into Transjordan was contained in an official Vichy news agency despatch from Beirut yesterday.

Denying reports that Free French forces have entered Syria, the despatch says these reports were a cloak to hide preparations for "a concrete move which was attempted during Wednesday and Thursday night."

Pretext Of Exercises
"Under the pretext of exercises

Full Story Of Havoc Among Nazi Troop Transports

(By Reuters's Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet)

"WE SANK THEM WITH 4-INCH GUNS AND POM-POMS. CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS RAMMED THEM. THE SEA WAS FULL OF THOUSANDS OF GERMANS CLINGING TO WRECKAGE AND SHOUTING FOR HELP. THE HAVOC WROUGHT WAS SO GREAT THAT NO GERMAN MANAGED TO LAND IN CRETE THAT NIGHT."

Thus spoke the captain of a British cruiser to me, describing how the British Navy broke up the first German attempt at a sea-borne invasion of Crete, when a large convoy, comprising sailing caiques and small merchantmen escorted by apparently a single Italian destroyer, was completely broken up or sunk by British light forces during the pitch dark night of May 21/22.

Various units of the Fleet were patrolling off Crete, ready for any emergency, when the events occurred which are best described in the captain's own words:

"We were steaming eastwards when suddenly, at about 11 p.m., our destroyer screen opened fire on a darkened ship. This was the first intimation that we were in contact with the enemy."

"We altered course and entered the fray. The destroyers' fire was very effective and a great bonfire appeared on the ocean, apparently caused by a merchantman burning from end to end."

"The first ship sighted was an Italian destroyer at very close range but her identity was at first

doubtful owing to similarity to our own single-funnelers."

"But a searchlight picked out her flag and immaculate paintwork, suggesting many months in harbour, thereby confirming she was Italian."

Full 6-inch Broadside

"We opened fire with pom— (Continued on Page 16.)

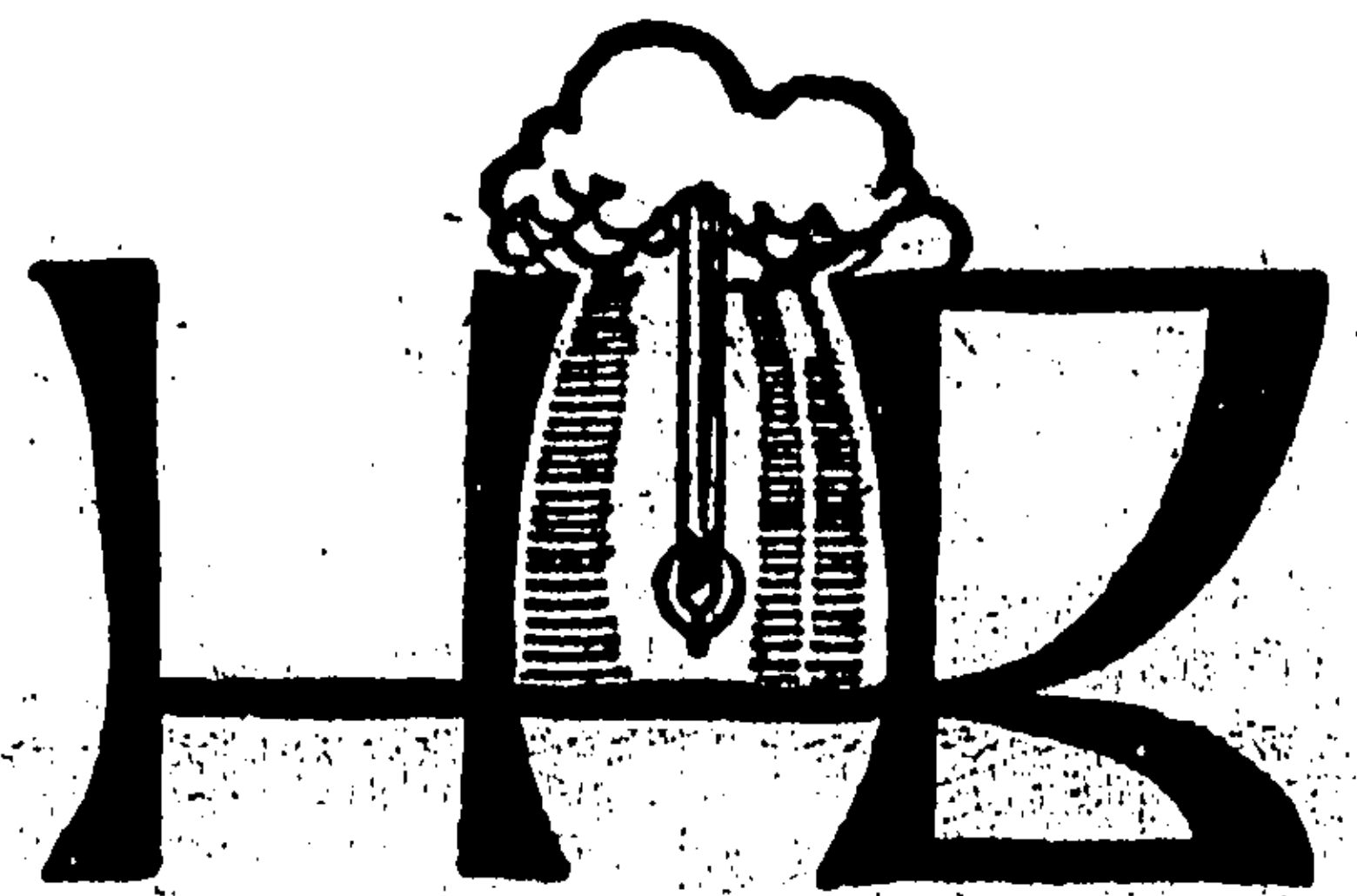
REVISION OF ACT DISCUSSED

The U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Relations Committee is prepared to open immediate hearings for revision of the Neutrality Act.

This declaration was made yesterday by Mr. Sol Bloom, chairman of the Committee, who added the hearings would open "if members of the Administration show me there is a clear need for repeal of all or part of the legislation."

Mr. Bloom added he had planned early conferences with Secretary of Navy Knox, Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of State Cordell Hull.—Reuters.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Both Sides Slogging Hard In Desperate Crete Battle

Fighting Centred On Four Main Points

LATEST REPORTS RECEIVED IN CAIRO FROM CRETE SHOW THAT THE SITUATION IS PRACTICALLY UNCHANGED, REUTER LEARNED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT, WITH HARD FIGHTING IN PROGRESS AND BOTH SIDES SLOGGING. THE GERMANS ARE TRYING TO PURSUE THEIR FAMILIAR TACTICS OF ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES FIRMLY AT ONE POINT.

OFFICIAL STORY OF CRETE

Yesterday's Cairo communique announces that throughout Thursday Crete was again subjected to intensive attacks interspersed with determined efforts by the Germans to land further troops, both parachutists and airborne.

The enemy succeeded in obtaining a temporary lodgement at both Heraklion and Retimo but after a severe hand to hand fight the German detachments were accounted for and the situation in both places is now satisfactory. In the Malemi sector our counter-attack was partially successful but later in the day it was held up as the enemy have been able to land considerable reinforcements by air in this sector. Operations are continuing.

As German losses will show, both the British and Empire forces have rendered a better account of themselves.

In the Heraklion sector Greek troops also fought with the greatest gallantry.—Reuter.

INDIAN AGITATOR AT WORK

Mahendra Pratap, notorious Indian agitator who conducted a violent anti-British campaign during the last World War, and has been living for many years in Japan, arrived in Peiping from Nanking on May 16.

He has been addressing students at local Chinese government schools with the usual Pan-Asia talk.

It is interesting to note he was allowed to advocate a world state, with a common army and common flag, though, doubtless out of deference to his Japanese hosts, he omits to mention the flag's design and colour.—Reuter.

BOMBAY RIOTING

THE RIOTING BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND HINDUS IN BOMBAY WAS RESUMED YESTERDAY WHEN POLICE WERE AGAIN COMPELLED TO FIRE ON THE MOB.

Rioting broke out at night and police opened fire at one point. Up to the morning nine demonstrators were known to have been killed and 75 injured.

Curfew has been imposed from 7.30 p.m. to 6.30 a.m.—Reuter.

In some cases the Germans have automatic weapons, and even small mortars. This makes more difficult the task of driving them out, particularly when they have dug themselves in.

Fighting is particularly hard around Malemi aerodrome, which the Germans are endeavouring to use to land more troops. The enemy are using large quantities of ammunition in repelling attacks and it seems doubtful whether they can continue at this rate of fire.

The British and Greeks still largely hold the coast and have repelled any attempted landings.

The Cairo military spokesman, reviewing the situation, said yesterday: "Apart from Malemi things have gone well on the whole."

The spokesman revealed that Australians are fighting in Crete and they had paid a tribute to the Greeks and Cretans, saying how proud they are to fight beside them in view of their splendid achievements in Greece.

Allies Using Tanks

The spokesman said fierce fighting was still in progress, both sides using mainly Tommy-guns, machine-guns and mortars.

THE ALLIES ARE USING TANKS AND HAND-GRENADES BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE GERMANS HAVE LANDED ANY TANKS OR MOTOR-CYCLE COMBINATIONS SUCH AS THEY USED IN FLANDERS.

The spokesman explained that the fighting is centred on four main points—Heraklion, Retimo, Canea and Malemi, the last-named being the aerodrome site a few miles west of Canea.

The position at Malemi, where heavy fighting has occurred, is still indeterminate.

The spokesman said the enemy had sufficient ground to enable him to land aircraft, which he was doing, but the aerodrome was under Allied fire and was being constantly attacked.

No Landings From Sea

With the tide of battle swinging to and fro, it is still difficult to forecast the outcome at Malemi, added the spokesman. There was still a good possibility that the enemy would be thrown out of the aerodrome.

The spokesman affirmed there had been no landings of the enemy by sea.

Describing the situation as confused, the spokesman said: "It is by no means certain that a whole air division has been landed, still less landed intact."

German tactics had consisted of showering down troops at various points but the only point at which they had been successful was at Malemi aerodrome.

Questioned whether the Allied troops were hampered by the absence of air support, the spokesman expressed the view that the main effect of such absence was that it was depressing to be dive-bombed without seeing one's own planes in the air.

Dive-bombing, however, was not so effective against seasoned troops well dug in as against troops retreating.—Reuter.

LONDONERS

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£100,000,000

At 3.30 yesterday afternoon, the London War Weapons Week figures topped £100,000,000.

There is still one more day before the Week ends, and subscriptions will therefore exceed the total aimed at, namely, £100,000,000.—Reuter.

CRETE IS WORTH THE SACRIFICE

"The Times" in a leader on the Battle of Crete, after remarking that the enemy losses were heavy, says: "But he can afford considerable losses and the Crete prize is worth the sacrifices."

Its importance is in the defence of Egypt and our naval liberty of action in the East Mediterranean needs little emphasis at this stage.

Alike for defence of his gains in the archipelago and what is far more important—for the offensive against Egypt it would prove invaluable to the enemy.

Its loss would not have a decisive effect upon the maintenance of the Mediterranean Fleet at Alexandria but it would seriously hamper every naval operation and increase the manifold perils which Admiral Cunningham has continually to face.

"The Times" concludes by stating that while enemy artillery and tanks can be kept from Crete, there is room enough for the hope that the valour of the garrison of Crete will prevail in this ferocious struggle.—Reuter.



Overcome by relief, after spending six days at sea in an open boat without food or water, 16 survivors of a neutral vessel torpedoed by a Nazi U-boat are pictured as they clambered aboard a British destroyer which had sighted them 200 miles off the nearest land. The men were weak through lack of food, drink and from exposure. On their fifth day in the boat the mast had been carried away in a gale. The 16 men represented eleven different nationalities, one man a Negro. (Copyright, Fox).

GERMAN LOSSES IN CRETE RAIDS

SINCE THE INVASION of Crete began the Germans have lost 16 Junkers of the 52 type troop carriers, victims of anti-aircraft fire, announces a communique by the R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters issued last night in Cairo.

The communique details one Junkers 52 as having been shot down off the coast of Crete yesterday.

Under the sub-heading "Mediterranean," the communique reports that fighter aircraft of the South African Air Force destroyed two Junkers 87 dive-bombers which attempted to attack shipping.

During Thursday and Friday night R.A.F. bombers effected a successful raid on Benghazi harbour and the communique adds: "Bombs burst on the Cathedral mole and two fires accompanied by explosions were started."

Mosul Raid

Offensive action in Iraq is reported in the same communique which says: "Rebel forces attacked Fallujah yesterday but after heavy bombing our original positions were re-occupied. A number of lorries and tanks were captured."

An Iraqi petrol dump at Cassels Post, 12 miles northward of Bagdad, was bombed and machine-gunned and four large fires started.

The Mosul aerodrome was machine-gunned by our fighters, two enemy aircraft being destroyed, and another damaged.

German aircraft bombed and machine-gunned Habbaniyah causing some damage to buildings and slight casualties.

In Abyssinia, South African aircraft dive-bombed a concentration of motor transport near Soddu, destroying seven vehicles, and also attacked similarly troops, transport and a store at Gimma. From all operations two aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

REGENT RETURNS TO IRAQ

Reuter learned authoritatively in London last night that the Regent of Iraq, Emir Abdul Ilah, has returned to Iraq and is now considering the formation of a new government.

The Regent's whereabouts are being kept a close secret and the announcement of his new Government will be made as soon as the situation in Iraq has been clarified.

So far as is known at the moment the rebel leader, Rashid Ali, is still in Iraq but it is not expected that organised resistance to Great Britain will continue much longer.

It was only yesterday that the British Government announced the appointment of Mr. Gerald de Gaury as Charge d'Affaires to the Regent pending establishment of communications with the British Ambassador at Bagdad.—Reuter.

BIG BATTLE FOR SUPREMACY

Fate Of Crete Hangs On Grim Contest

Royal Navy Defeating Nazi Attempts

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE FATE OF CRETE depends very largely on the result of the great battle for supremacy between air and naval strength now being fought in the confined waters between Cape Matapan and Suda Bay.

For three days and nights the Royal Navy have defeated all attempts of the Germans to send reinforcements, and especially equipment, across the 60-mile channel. An attempt to run the blockade during the night was heavily defeated, two large transports, a destroyer and a large number of caiques being sunk.

A Greek caïque or fishing smack is a double-ended craft with a collapsible mast which is usually rowed by five to eight oarsmen. It would be extremely useful for transporting men and munitions but could not carry even the smallest tank.

Not daunted by the disastrous result of the night attempt, a fleet of transports on Thursday attempted the passage in daylight under the protection of aircraft.

Loss Inflicted

It was scattered by the Navy and that loss was inflicted is evidenced by the fact that Italian ships were seen picking up survivors.

Obviously the Navy could not follow up the victory by chasing the transports to their lairs in the narrow inland waters of the Aegean.

The job of the Navy is not easy, as it has to fight in comparatively close proximity to the shore, where the enemy have a large number of dive-bombers available and where the scene is too far distant for British fighter planes to operate.

Moreover, the enclosed waters around Crete are highly disadvantageous for aircraft carriers, and planes from the latter would, in any case, achieve little in the face of the large forces of land-based aircraft being used by the Germans.

British Troops Splendid

On the island, despite the German air strength, the British troops seem to be showing up splendidly against the parachutists, who have suffered heavy losses.

Parachutists are still being dropped like swarms of locusts and inevitably they establish footholds in more than one district. But undoubtedly the Germans will also make further attempts to run the blockade as the only means by which supplies can be delivered to air-borne troops.

On the question of British troops receiving reinforcements, it must be recalled that the latter would have to be landed in the face of almost unopposed dive-bombing.—Reuter.

MESSAGE TO FREE GREEKS

THE GREEK MINISTER OF INTERIOR YESTERDAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IN CAIRO:—

"To free Greeks, the fight which we have started against the Germans on our heroic island is proceeding satisfactorily.

"Our brave allies, the British, closely united with Greek and Cretan soldiers are doing magnificent work.

"Have courage. We are fighting and will continue to fight until final victory. God save free people."—Reuter.

BRITISH SUCCESS IN IRAQ

In both the Tobruk and Sollum areas our patrols have again been active, stated yesterday's Cairo communique.

In Iraq our troops have successfully dispersed an enemy counter-attack which gained a temporary footing on the outskirts of the town of Fallujah. Twenty Iraqi rebel officers and 90 other ranks have been taken prisoner.—Reuter.

ROYAL MESSAGE TO SMUTS

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE THE KING HAS SENT GENERAL JAN SMUT, FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE:—

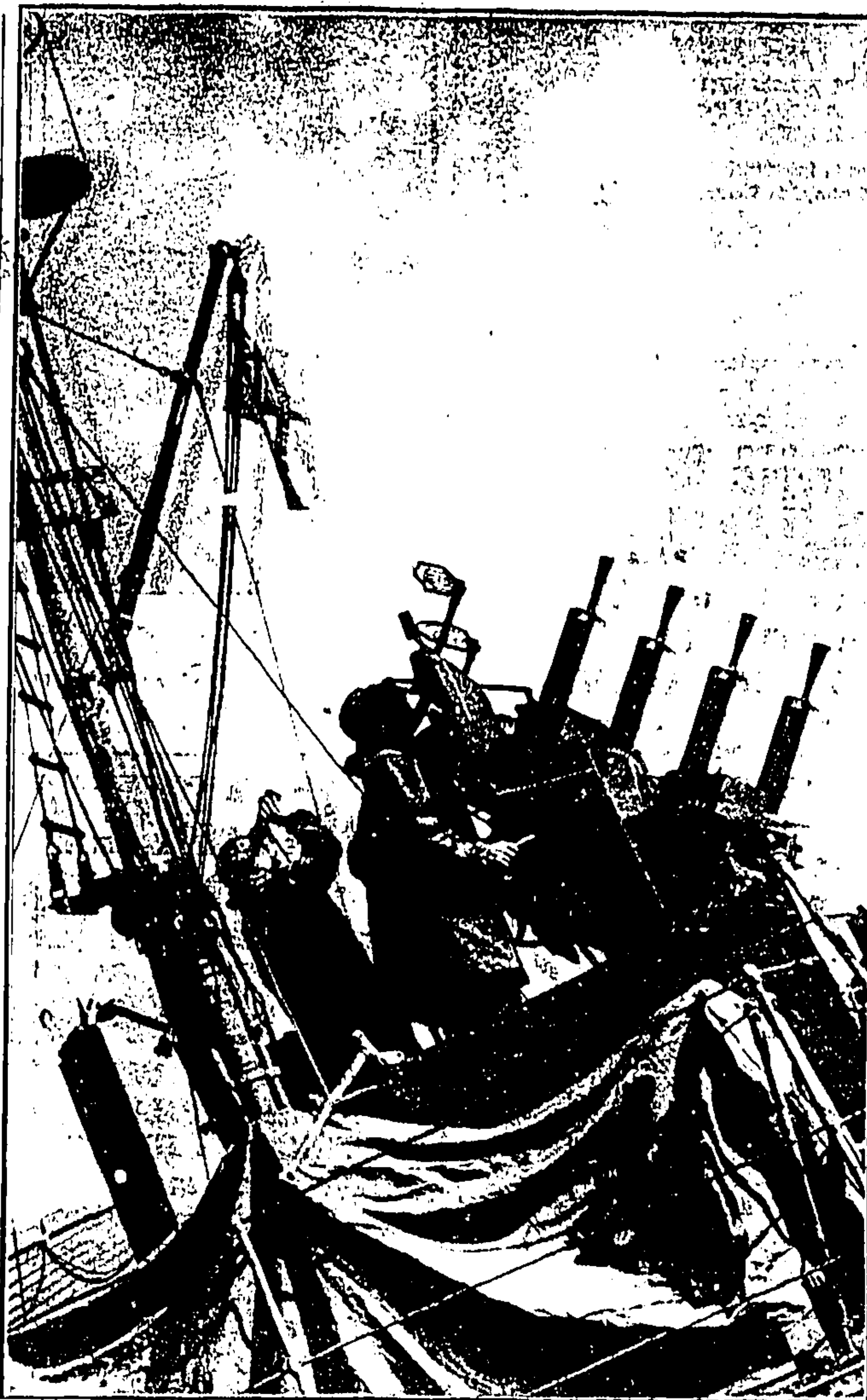
"It gives me particular pleasure on this, your birthday, to appoint you Field-Marshal in the British Army.

"Your promotion to the highest military rank will be warmly welcomed in this country not only for your great and devoted services but as leader of a people whose fighting men have been playing a most brilliant part in the victorious campaign in East Africa. I send you my heartiest congratulations and best wishes."—Reuter.

GREEK KING IN CAIRO?

Rome radio reports that, according to a Cairo message, King George of Greece has arrived by air in the Egyptian capital.

Prince Paul and other members of the Greek Royal Family are reported to have been in Cairo for some days, as have also the Greek ex-Premier and two of his Ministers.—Reuter.



The untiring efforts of the crews of minesweepers are keeping the harbour channels and approaches free from the enemy mines, thus making them safe for shipping using our ports. A minesweeper is well protected from air attack as this picture of a gun crew shows. (Copyright, Fox).

THE NAVY'S GRIM STRUGGLE WITH NAZI AIR FORCES

(By Reuter's Naval Correspondent)

THE BRITISH NAVY is fighting a battle without precedent in the narrow and dangerous waters which surround the island of Crete.

It is certain that never before has there been such a grim struggle between naval forces and air forces and still it remains true that until last night the British ships and their crews who undergo such a tremendous ordeal have prevented any German from landing from the sea on the shores of the island.

What is almost equally important is that the Royal Navy has also prevented, during the first three days of this momentous battle, any stores of arms or ammunition being landed from enemy ships upon the island.

When the time comes to tell the full story of this aeroplane versus warship action in the Aegean it will be of the endurance of British sailors against almost incessant dive-bombing by forces of German Stukas which are probably larger than any others engaged during the whole course of the war.

Night And Day

The Navy is working night and day in confined waters, never far from land and rarely out of range of enemy shore-based aircraft and without that fighter protection which is the

most important shield against dive-bombing attacks.

As already announced, the Royal Navy frustrated an attempt by a large convoy of German transports to land troops on the shores of Crete.

Further results of the engagement are awaited but it is known that Italian escort ships were busy picking up survivors.—Reuter.

ITALIAN PRISONERS IN INDIA

It was learned in Simla yesterday that the number of Italian prisoners in India is approximately 32,500.

The International Red Cross has appointed a delegate to organise private endeavour for the health and recreation of prisoners of war in India.—Reuter.

QUISLING USURPER DENOUNCED

A Moslem ruler, the Nawab of Rampur, yesterday denounced the "stupendous folly and reckless ambition of a usurper and a Quisling," in referring to the Iraqi rebellion in a statement.

"Raschid Ali's treachery," declared the Nawab, "has come as a great shock to all devout Moslems.

"The independence of Iraq was gained with the help of the British, not forgetting the contribution made by India and her people.

"That hard-earned independence is now in grave danger. By admitting the Axis into the very heart of the Middle East, Raschid Ali has jeopardised the security of all surrounding Moslem countries.

"There are a thousand and one patches of holy sacred ground in Iraq dear to all Moslems of the world. In the name of God, the Prophet and his family I raise my voice in protest against the sacrilege and treachery of which Raschid Ali has been guilty."—Reuter.

ITALIAN HOOLIGANS IN S'HAJ

Mr. George Leonof, city editor of the "China Press," Shanghai English-language morning paper, is reported to have been injured yesterday afternoon by four Italians.

The Italians attacked him after charging he was responsible for anti-Italian editorials appearing in that paper.

According to a story in this morning's "China Press," Leonof was lured onto a vacant lot in the French Concession and there beaten up after he had refused to drink a large bottle of castor oil.

Leonof, who is believed to be Russian, is said to have sustained various cuts and bruises on the face and head.—Reuter.

MENZIES CONFIDENT

Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, who arrived in Wellington on his return journey from Britain and the United States, spoke optimistically of the battle of the Atlantic, though he did not underestimate its difficulties.

American patrols, he said, were of first rate importance.

Mr. Menzies expressed the belief that improved air-raid precautions would reduce night air raid to a point when they will not become profitable.

He warmly praised the fortitude of the British people.

Speaking of Mr. Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies said that he was not tired in any way and even more vigorous than before the war.—Reuter.

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Another London hospital was damaged in another attempt by Nazi raiders to fire London. The attempt was foiled, however, by the prompt action of the fire-watchers, who extinguished the incendiaries before they could obtain a hold. There were no casualties among the patients of the hospital which was burnt as well as hit by a high explosive. Photo shows a fireman at work on one of the burnt-out wards. (Copyright, Fox).

'SECRET WEAPON' LAID TO SCARE PROPAGANDA

AS THE WAR MOVES INTO A MORE CRITICAL PHASE, GERMAN PROPAGANDA REITERATES HINTS OF "SECRET WEAPONS."

Several times since the war began in 1939 warnings have been sounded—either by Reichsfuehrer Hitler himself, by German officials, or by sources which might ultimately be traced to Germany—that the Nazis would soon come out with some innovation in military equipment which would assure Germany of victory.

No such weapon has as yet made its appearance.

The warnings, however, have perhaps served their purpose in undermining morale by engendering fear, and they will undoubtedly continue to do so until this "strategy" is recognised as a part of the typical Nazi procedure.

Some Improvements Made

The fact is that during nearly 20 months of the present war, neither the countries of Europe, Asia, or Africa, or the United States with its present intense rearmament drive have produced any genuinely "new" or "secret" weapons—much less any that promise to revolutionise modern warfare.

Refinements and improvements in design have given many old weapons new potentialities. But basic principles of ballistics and operation of all types of weapons have shown little change.

The brief campaign in which Germany smashed through the armies of the Netherlands, Belgium, Britain and France, and forced the capitulation of the French republic in the short space of seven weeks, provided fertile ground for reports of revolutionary weapons which it was argued, the Germans must be using to accomplish such feats.

Attention was focused, for instance, on the flame-thrower, which, mounted on tanks or carried by infantry, could permit lightning advances through enemy lines.

In Berlin the story was circulated that Fort Eben Emael, strongest of the Liege-Albert canal defence posts, had been subdued by use of an amazing new secret weapon known as the "An-griffsmittel." Other reports told of the use of nerve-gas which rendered the defenders of the fort incapable of fighting.

Fuel A Vital Question

Actually it has been proven that the flame-thrower, while used by some of the belligerents, is inefficient due to the speed with which fuel is used up. Furthermore its original use may be traced back to Archimedes and the siege of Syracuse.

As for the capture of Eben Emael, stories of secret weapons bear only too clearly the stamp of official German propaganda,

designed to cover up the methods of subterfuge and the familiar "boring from within" doubtlessly employed to bring about the fort's quick surrender.

The success of the German drive into France—from a purely military standpoint—may be attached directly to the use of the heavy break-through tank, which is itself an improved "old" weapon. This type of tank received its first test in smashing a highly organised defensive position in the battle of Cambria in 1917. Germany, through the writings of Gen. Ludwig von Eimannsberger, author of "Mechanised War," realised that the break-through tank was an essential to modern wars as were armoured divisions and attack aviation. This is no more a secret weapon than the homely dust pan, rake and small hand pump used by the British as the most effective weapons yet devised in dealing with the incendiary bombs.

Three Main Categories

Production engineering practices as applied in all countries are divided up into three principal categories—artillery, including automotive combat vehicles, ammunition and bombs and small arms.

In these categories many relatively new weapons have been developed by each country. For instance, in the United States many new types of ordnance are in use to-day which are the outgrowth of earlier types which have been developed through the years by experimenting.

The .30 calibre Garand semi-automatic rifle in use in the United States, which fires accurately 2½ times as fast as the Springfield model of 1903, would hardly be called a new or secret weapon.

The .30 calibre Browning ma-

chine-gun which fires 500 rounds a minute at a range of three miles, and the .50 calibre Browning which fires 400 rounds a minute at a horizontal range of four miles, are likewise developments of early types of machine-guns.

Many other so-called new weapons have been produced by the Ordnance of the United States Army. There is a 37 mm anti-tank gun which will pierce 1½ inches of armour plate at 1,000 yards, and there is a 37 mm anti-aircraft gun capable of 120 shots a minute of full automatic fire for defence against low-flying planes.

A new 75 mm gun—medium artillery—has been developed with a new standard high-speed carriage, and a 155 mm gun has been put into operation that will fire a 95-pound projectile 26,000 yards at a maximum elevation of 45 degrees.

A 155 mm howitzer has been equipped with pneumatic tires and air brakes with increase in the possible speed of from 10 to 50 miles per hour, and has a range of about seven miles. A new anti-aircraft gun fires a 12.7 pound projectile vertically 9,700 yards at a rate of 25 shots a minute; a 105 mm anti-aircraft gun fires a 33 pound projectile vertically about 14,000 yards; a 14-inch seacoast gun mounted on railways fires a 1,560 pound projectile 25 miles; and a 16-inch seacoast gun on a barbette mount fires a 2,100 pound projectile to a range of 30 miles.

In the field of tanks a new light tank has been developed which carries one 37 mm. cannon and four machine-guns, while another medium heavy model is also being turned out.

Larger Tanks Produced

Similar types of equipment are in the hands of all the warring nations to-day. All are relatively new weapons, so-called, but they are the results of evolution of equipment most of which was used in the World War.

The latest tank type used by the U.S. Army is a development of the 6-ton tank used in 1917. It has heavier armament, and heavier armour, larger track, more favourable weight distribution and better accessibility to the engine compartment. But other than these refinements, it is basically the same tank.

No military authority would completely rule out the possibility of some unique development. But the history of warfare shows that such developments do not spring into being full-blown. Rather, they come gradually. And the alert commander—even in the face of some new method or improved strategy—still has at his command methods of defence which are adequate if properly used.

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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



HUNT FOR SPIES IN ANTIPODES

Australia and New Zealand are engaged in a spy hunt. Possible sources of information to the Axis powers are being plugged.

It began with the rescue of 500 men, women and children who had been taken by Nazi raiders off seven British and Allied vessels and left on the tiny island of Enlaur in the Bismarck Archipelago north of Australia.

When these people reached Australia they gave a good deal of information about the raiders, about their treatment, about the way in which the Germans lived on the Nazi ships. Some of them had stories of how the Germans boasted of having advance information about the departure of vessels and their position at sea.

The New Zealand Government has appointed a commission which sits in secret to study the question of leakages of information.

Moreover in Australia a move has been begun to improve co-ordination between the intelligence departments of the three fighting services and the civil authority, to make available more money for naval intelligence work at principal ports and to set less rigid standards of proof for suspected "fifth columnists" rounded up by Federal agents.

It is proposed to make Sydney the centre of naval intelligence work for the whole country, to pool information on counter-espionage work and to work out a generally satisfactory standard of what will justify the internment of enemy aliens who have so far been allowed to remain at liberty.

BEESWAX SAUSAGES

Soldiers who ate sausages which had been cooked by mistake in beeswax did not complain, though when they dipped their bread in the "gravy" they said the flavour was "unusual."

It came about in this way: Post Office engineers, when repairing switchboard cables, immerse the ends in hot beeswax. A tank of this beeswax was left in a building subsequently occupied by soldiers.

When the engineers returned to do further repairs, the beeswax was melted, and there floated to the top foreign objects which on examination proved to be well-cooked portions of sausages.

It was found that the army cook had mistaken the beeswax for dripping, cooked the sausages in it—and had no complaints.

APPEAL TO INDIANS

Commenting on the recent developments in the Near East, Sir Sultan Ahmad, former acting member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, said that the action of Raschid Ali in Iraq, backed by German funds, has created many complications for India.

He supported the suggestion for a conference of Provincial Premiers, made by Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of Punjab, and Fazlul Huq, Premier of Bengal, and urged Gandhi to call off the civil disobedience campaign.

Emphasising that time is the most important factor in the present situation, he appealed to the whole country to share with America and Britain and other units of the Commonwealth in the effort to save humanity and total destruction by brute force. — Reuter.

LOUVAIN TO BUILD AGAIN

Projects for rebuilding the famous Library of Louvain, destroyed by German shelling for the second time within a quarter of a century, are already in hand by the university authorities.

In the war of 1914, this historic library was completely destroyed. Three years after the war ended, the library arose from its ruins largely due to gifts from America. It was rebuilt on plans drawn up by Whitney Warren, an American architect. Its shelves were filled with books contributed by large numbers of foreign universities.

To-day the library has again been largely destroyed and only a part of the works it contained has been saved. The reading room reserved for university students has been completely destroyed, and the only recourse for students wishing to engage in researches of a literary or scientific nature is to go to the Royal Library in Brussels.

To rebuild the library a sum running into many millions of francs will be necessary. Some gifts have already come in, but so long as Belgium remains under German tutelage there are necessarily difficulties in the way of this great undertaking.

KASHMIR OFFER

The Maharajah of Kashmir, who already has four units of the State forces serving outside the State, has offered a fifth unit for service, says Reuter from Simla.

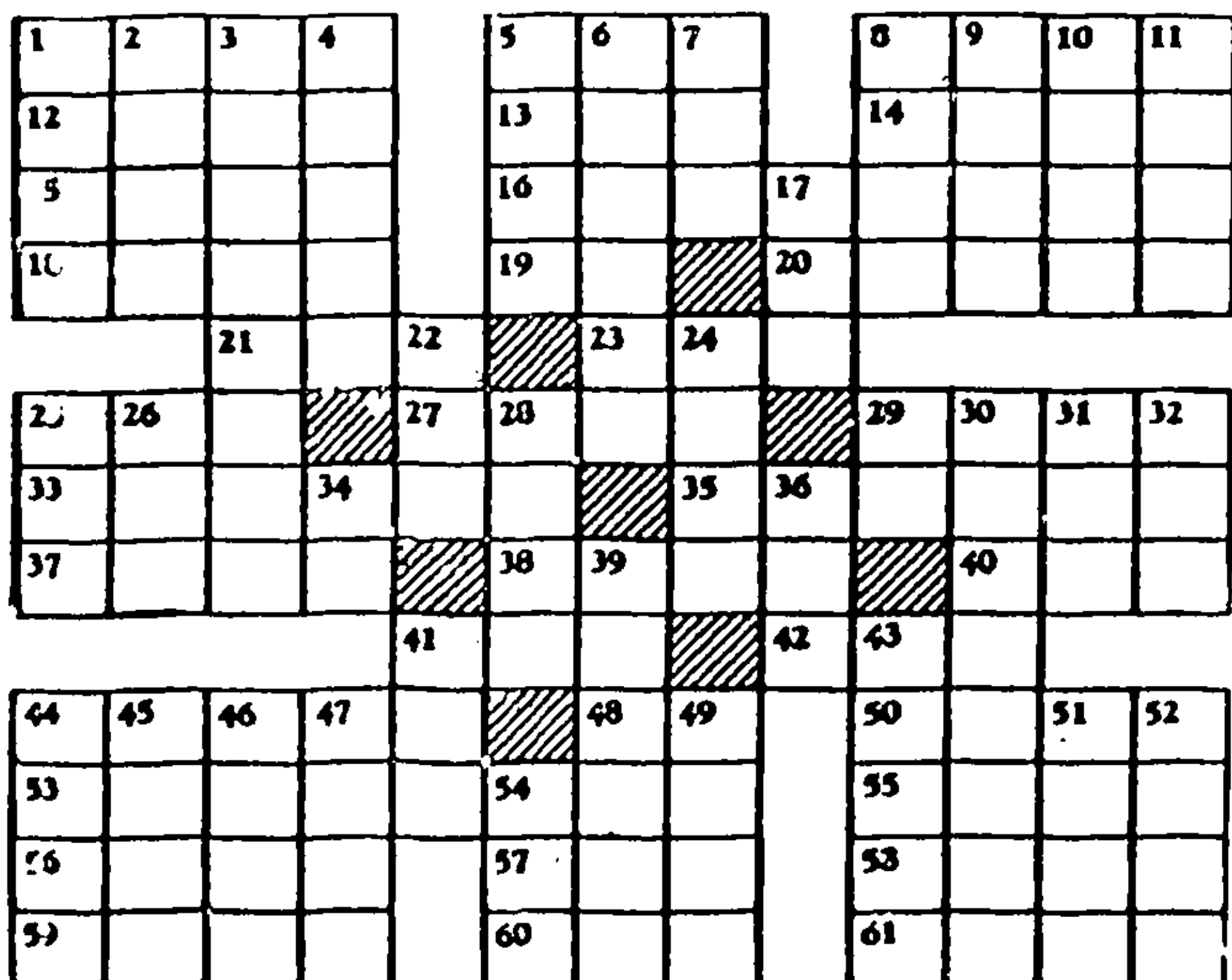
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- 21 Cereal grass
- 23 Food-fish
- 25 English river
- 27 Scottish Highlander
- 29 Armadillo
- 33 Behavior
- 35 Place
- 37 Purchases
- 38 South-African Dutch
- 40 Scoundrel
- 41 Knowledge
- 42 Edible mollusk
- 44 Ridge between two mountains
- 46 Molten lava

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- 55 1760 yards
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- 58 Bones
- 59 To demolish
- 60 Worm
- 61 On top of

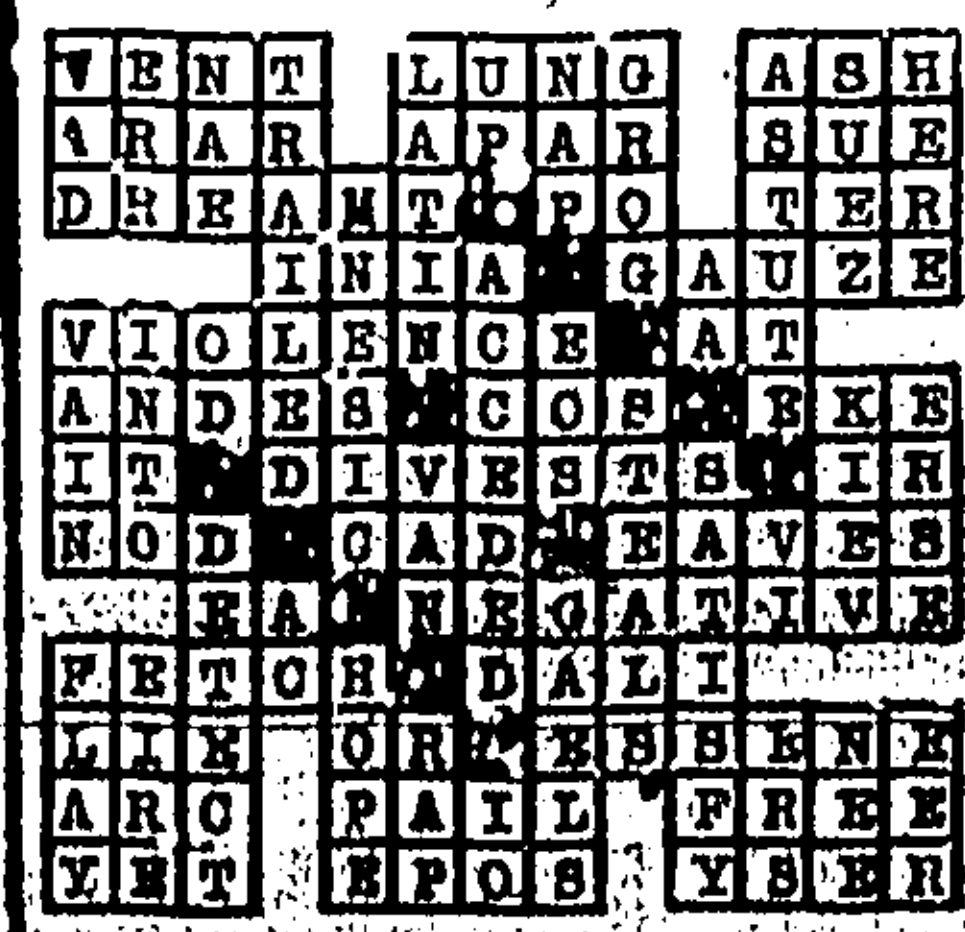
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- 3 Completeness
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- 5 River in France
- 6 European country

7 Colloquial:

- check
- 8 Dust particle
- 9 Amalekite king
- 10 To incite
- 11 To look askance
- 17 Stale
- 22 The self
- 24 Spanish cooking vessel
- 25 Quick stroke
- 26 French coin
- 28 Poker stake
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- 30 One who opposes war
- 31 Wing
- 32 Radical
- 34 Exists
- 36 Palm leaf
- 39 The pineapple
- 41 Small cask
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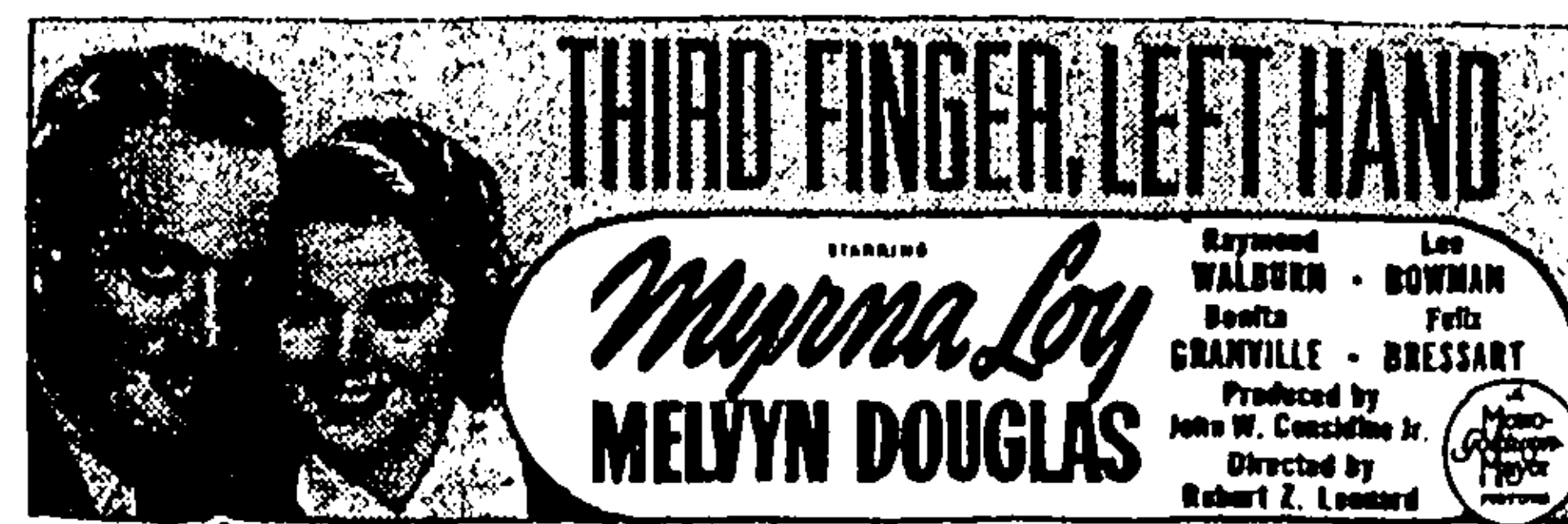
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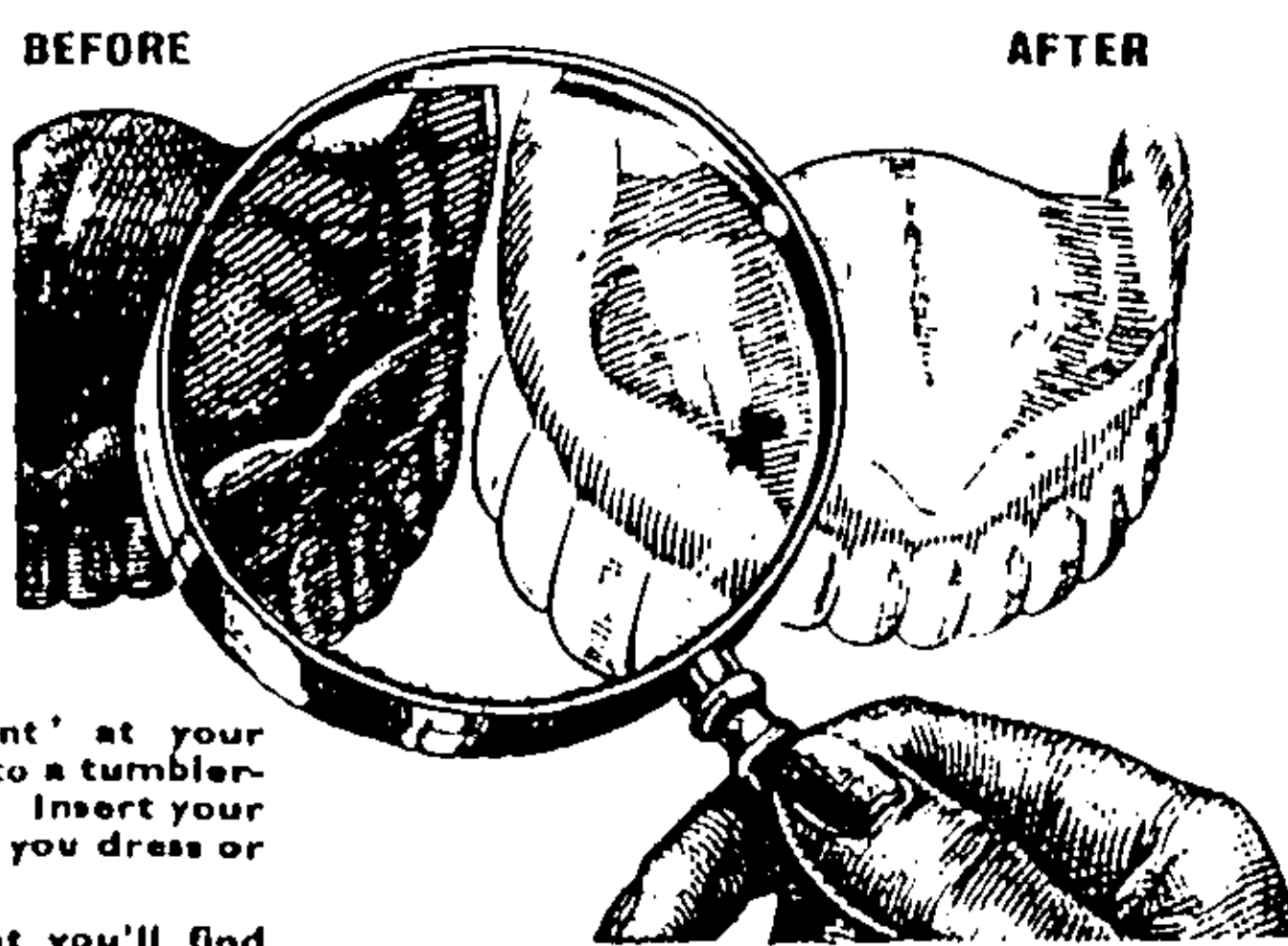
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"MEN LIKE THESE"

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When the order to begin the assault on these islands was given, the morale of the German air crews was undoubtedly high. The reason was obvious. For years these young German airmen had been "groomed" for victory. They were assured of their own superiority as individuals and their omnipotence as a striking force. Had they not seen in the first weeks of the spring of 1940 the terrible predictions of their Leader come to pass? Each country Germany had attacked had fallen before the crushing blows of the Nazi war machine, of which they, the Luftwaffe, formed so vital a part. Now only the British Empire remained inviolate. As these young airmen had swept across Europe from Poland to the English Channel, so they expected to sweep over Britain, subdue her people and prepare the way for an invading army. Disillusion awaited them. As yet still flushed with victory, they were to see their comrades spin to earth or sea in flames. Nevertheless, let it be said for German morale, so near it approached to fanaticism, that it never faltered even when the Luftwaffe was losing 70, 100, and 150 aircraft during each period of daylight. Certainly German pilots showed qualities of courage and tenacity; but these were of little avail against the better quality and still higher courage of British pilots. Even in their hour of defeat, some pilots of the Luftwaffe thought that the invasion of Britain might take place at any time and that, if it had to be postponed, it would be successfully accomplished in the spring of 1941. It was not, then, any faltering on their part that caused the daylight attacks to die away.

Of the morale of our own pilots little need be said. The facts are eloquent. They had only to see the enemy to engage him immediately. Odds were of no account and were cheerfully accepted. Only a high degree of confidence in their training, in their aircraft and in their leaders could have enabled them to maintain the spirit of aggressive courage which they invariably displayed. That confidence they possessed to the full.

Polish and Czech pilots took their full share in the battle. They possess great qualities of courage and dash. They are truly formidable fighters.

Sky Full Of Spitfires And Hurricanes

To read the combat reports written by pilots immediately after landing from a fight is to receive the impression of well-trained young men, conscious of their responsibilities and fulfilling them at all times with resolution and high courage.

"Patrolled south of Thames (approximately Gravesend area) at 25,000 ft." runs the report of one Squadron Leader in action on one of the "great" days. "Saw two squadrons pass underneath us in formation, travelling north-west in a purposeful manner. Then saw 'A.A.' bursts, so turned wing and saw enemy aircraft 3,000 ft. below to North-West. Managed a perfect approach, with two other squadrons between our Hurricanes and the sun, and enemy aircraft below and down sun. Arrived above enemy aircraft formation of from 20 to 40 Do.17s: noticed Me.109 dive out of the sun and warned Spitfires look out. Me.109 broke away and climbed South-East. Was about to attack enemy aircraft which were turning left handed, that is to the West and South, when I noticed Spitfires and Hurricanes engaging them. Was compelled to wait by risk of collision. However, warned the wing to watch other friendly fighters and dived down with leading section in formation on to last section of five enemy aircraft. Pilot Officer 'X' took left hand Do.17. I took middle one and Flight Lieutenant 'Y' took right hand one, which had lost ground on outside of turn. Opened fire at 100 yds. in a steep dive and saw a large flash behind the starboard motor of the Dornier as the wing caught fire; must have hit

the petrol pipe or tank; overshot and pulled up steeply. Then carried on and attacked another Do.17, but had to break away to avoid a Spitfire. The sky was then full of Spitfires and Hurricanes queuing up and pushing each other out of the way to get at Dorniers which for once were outnumbered. I squirted at odd Dorniers at close range as they came into my sight but could not hold them in my sight for fear of collision with other Spitfires and Hurricanes. Saw collision between a Spitfire and Do.17 which wrecked both aeroplanes. Finally I ran out of ammunition chasing crippled and smoking Do.17 into cloud. It was the finest shambles I have seen since for once, we had position, height and numbers. The Luftwaffe were dirty looking collection."

Men Like These Save England

Nor must Ground Staffs be forgotten. Their tasks were to "service" the fighting aircraft and maintain communications at any cost. Those attached to the Fighter Aerodromes East, South-East and South of London, fitters, mechanics, signallers, telephone operators, despatch riders and the rest carried on under heavy and sustained bombing by day and by night. For the first time since William of Normandy set foot on these shores, the men and women of England—the Women's Auxiliary Air Force was in the thick of it—found themselves in the front line. They did not fail and the list of awards they won bears witness to their bravery and their endurance. They made it possible by carrying out their duties, sleep or no sleep, bombs or no bombs, for the Fighter Squadrons to confront the enemy day after day, until he was defeated.

Of the anti-aircraft batteries, a whole story can be written; but this narrative is concerned only with the part played by the Royal Air Force in the victory. Its Controllers received most important aid from A.A. units. Their shells bursting in black or white puffs against the sky gave to the watchers on the ground or in the air invaluable information concerning the whereabouts of the enemy. Moreover, they accounted for nearly 250 hostile aircraft in daylight during the period of the struggle.

Shattered And Disordered Armada

By the 31st October, the battle was over. It did not cease dramatically. It died gradually away; but the British victory was none the less certain and complete. Bitter experience had, at last, taught the enemy the cost of daylight attacks. He took to the cover of night. For what indeed did the Germans accomplish in all their attacks? At the outset they sank five ships and damaged five more sailing in our coastal convoys; they next did intermittent and sometimes severe damage to aerodromes; they scored hits on a number of factories which caused production to slow down for a short time. In London they did considerable damage to docks and various famous buildings, including Buckingham Palace. They destroyed or damaged beyond repair some thousands of houses; they killed, during the day, 1,700 persons, nearly all of them civilians, and seriously wounded 3,360. At night 12,581 persons were killed and 16,965 injured. These heavy casualties occurred during hours when darkness prevented the enemy from being met and turned back as he was in daylight. They provide a striking, if ominous, proof of the efficiency and devotion of the Royal Air Force. To what height would those figures have risen had there been no Hurricanes and Spitfires on alert from dawn to dusk, engaging the enemy whenever he appeared—resolute, ruthless, triumphant?

Such, then, was the measure of the enemy's achievement during 84 days of almost continuous attack. A little earlier in the year the Germans had taken 37 days to

overrun and utterly to cast down the kingdoms of the Netherlands and of Belgium and the Republic of France. What the Luftwaffe failed to do, was to destroy the Fighter Squadrons of the Royal Air Force which were indeed stronger at the end of the battle than at the beginning. This failure meant defeat—defeat of the German Air Force itself, defeat of a carefully-designed strategical plan, defeat of that which Hitler most longed for—the invasion of this island. The Luftwaffe, which, as Goebbels said on the eve of the battle, had "prepared the final conquest of the last enemy—England" did its utmost and paid very heavily for the attempt. Between the 8th August and 31st October, 2375 German aircraft are known to have been destroyed in daylight. This figure takes no account of those lost at night or those seen by thousands staggering back to their French bases, with wings and fuselage full of holes, ailerons shot away, engines smoking and dripping glycol, undercarriages dangling, retreating remnants of a shattered, disordered Armada. This melancholy procession of the defeated was to be observed, not once, but many times during those summer and autumn days of 1940. Truly it was a great deliverance.

It was not achieved without cost. The Royal Air Force lost 375 pilots killed and 358 wounded. This was the price and of those who died let it be said that "all the soul of man is resolution, which expires never from valiant men till their last breath."

Such was the Battle of Britain in 1940. Future historians may compare it with Marathon, Trafalgar and the Marne.

(Throughout this account all figures relating to enemy aircraft concern only those actually destroyed. The number damaged or regarding whose fate complete evidence proved impossible to obtain has not been given.)

CAPTURE OF CHUKI ADMITTED

THE JAPANESE ARMY SPOKESMAN IN SHANGHAI, COL. SKIYAMA, YESTERDAY ADMITTED THE RECAPTURE BY CHINESE TROOPS OF CHUKI, STRATEGIC CITY IN CHEKIANG, ABOUT 125 MILES SOUTH-WEST OF SHANGHAI, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED BY CHUNGKING THE PREVIOUS DAY.

The spokesman asserted, however, that the Chinese only entered Chuki when the Japanese withdrew on Wednesday on completion of their operations there, and fell back on positions they occupied before the recent offensive was launched.—Reuter.

MODERATE BUSINESS ON STOCK MARKET

Business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was moderate, with week-end considerations responsible for some of the dwindling interest. In the late stages gilt-edged were inclined to harden. Among foreign issues Brazilians improved but Iraq 4½ per cents declined from 83 to 80. Textiles and shippings continued to receive support while oils were irregular, though Trinidad Leasehold was a good feature. Kaffirs were steady. Wall Street was slow.—Reuter.

COCHIN DURBAR

Sree Kerala Varma, new Maharajah of Cochin, was installed at a picturesque Durbar yesterday in the presence of high officials and non-officials, says Reuter.

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TO CLEAR THE AIR

The United States powerfully reinforces its bases in the Pacific; Great Britain lands additional troops at Singapore—and Japan complains that this strengthening of the defences of their own territories by the American and British governments constitutes an act of "provocation." This seems a curious conclusion. But it should not be dismissed merely as intended for home consumption in Japan. Actually it reveals the gulf between Japanese and Western thinking that makes peace in the Pacific precarious.

Let us recall that it was on American initiative that an agreement was reached, in the Washington Arms Conference of 1921-22, by which the chief naval Powers bound themselves not to fortify their insular possessions in the Western Pacific. Let us recall also that it was on Japanese initiative that this same agreement was abrogated after fourteen years. Let us remember, too, that for more than a decade the United States was so consistent in its adherence to the Pact of Paris, by which war was renounced as an instrument of national policy, that U.S. has also avoided the threat of war as such an instrument.

There should be no confusion in the official Japanese mind about American opposition to Japan's present policy. But in the repeated protests that the United States has made to Japan in recent years the threat of war has been conspicuously lacking. Washington has not hesitated to use economic instruments in the form of strictures on Japan and assistance to China. But the Japanese have become convinced that America does not intend to use force, or even the threat of force, to sustain the status quo in the Pacific.

The Japanese, on the other hand, have made free use since 1931 of both force and the threat of force as the chief instruments of policy. When these were resisted, as in the case of China, there was war. When they were not resisted, as in the case of French Indo-China, there was surrender. It has become axiomatic in Japanese policy that these are the alternatives when the "new order" is under consideration. The physical help to clear the air in evidence that the United Tokyo.



COLLABORATION

The Anzacs Again

No other soldiers of the last war left behind them a memory so formidable or awe-inspiring as those who collectively are known as "Anzacs"—the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. Their contributions to final victory, spasmodic though they were at first, rapidly increased in volume and when the war ended these volunteers had been in almost continuous action in France since the Summer of 1916. Although it was in Western Europe that they achieved success, they prefer to be and are remembered for their spectacular failure at Gallipoli and it is upon that failure that their historic renown most surely rests. From that failure also came another paradox: the legend of their invincibility.

Their courage and the wild unorthodoxy of their behaviour were as startling to their allies as they were to their enemies, and there were times indeed when the former were more frightened of them than the latter. The British, to whom such things are of great moment, thought their social instincts deplorable, but for their individual and collective bravery there was admiration so universal and unrestrained that their memory still is as dear to London as it is in the lands from which they came.

Such was the dual legacy which a new generation of Anzac forces inherited from their fathers: to live down the memory of their behaviour and to live up to the imperishable record of their gall-

antry. It was not an easy legacy to accept, but it was not shirked. The new men accepted it as an inherent challenge and have won their moral battle as neatly and as surely as they have won their string of battles along the sea coast of Cyrenaica.

Most of the men who fight in Egypt or who are in Britain are "sons and nephews of the soldiers who went from Australia twenty-five years ago." But not all. Although a general age limit of 35 was imposed hundreds with experience in the last war managed to slip past the recruiting officers, and the writer will always recall the answer given to him at Suez when he asked the commanding officer of a newly arrived transport what on the voyage seemed most worthy of comment. He said: "The number of World War ribbons that suddenly appeared when we were two days out of Sydney and there was no turning back."

But even though both the Australian and New Zealand contingents included veterans, they are mainly composed of young men nearly all of whom had had their imaginations stirred by the glowing reminiscences of their fathers. They came to look for romance and they found only the harsh monotony of interminable training, the gruelling physical exercise that left them no exuberance with which to torment civilian populations, and discipline that was not quite so lax as that which their fabulous predecessors had refused to endure. They cheerfully accepted the position; they "grouched" less than any troops I have ever known.

There were no half measures about the training. From the moment of arrival the two contingents split up—the Australians went to Gaza in Palestine, the New Zealanders to a camp outside Cairo—and each in its own way and according to its own traditions set out to learn the job of desert fighting.

Those who live in different hemispheres from these antipodeans imagine them as neighbours. But in fact more than 1,000 miles of sea lie between these two national entities, whose habits, instincts and inclinations differ widely.

The New Zealand soldier is quiet, shy and anxious to make a good impression. He is usually what is called cultured. The Australian, generous in intent, open in friendship, is almost exactly the opposite. The former believes that a modicum of discipline is

essential in the army; the latter, that not even a modicum is necessary.

Yet between the fighting capacities of the two, between the efficiency each displays in battle, there is nothing to choose. Each picks out the form of organisation that best suits his own national temperament.

While the Australian soldier cheerfully accepts and obeys any order a superior officer may give him in the course of duty, he will do so with that kind of cheerfulness that would be considered insubordination in a British Guards regiment, where orders are not expected to be received with a grin. In off-duty hours scenes occur that would shock a rigid militarist to the depths of his conditioned soul.

During a visit to Gaza paid in order to see something of the Australian troops in training, I was invited to the officers' mess. My two hosts each bought a round of drinks. A third round was offered to us by our waiter—a private whose age was such that he was excused from the more active routine of camp life. My hosts explained that in private life the mess waiter was their employer and that during their time of active service he was so supplementing their army pay that their incomes were the same as in peacetime.

Now this sort of incident could hardly happen in the New Zealand contingent. If the Australian view of the war is that it is merely a transference of the whole social organism (minus its women) from one spot to another, the New Zealand view is essentially romantic. It would be no exaggeration to say, for instance, that many New Zealand units—particularly officers—deliberately seek collective discomfort that could easily be avoided because only in that way can they persuade themselves that they are doing their bit.

During desert manoeuvres last Spring they fought their first "action" with nothing but wooden sticks, and had they then been asked to go into battle no man among them would have had enough small arms and ammunition to defend himself. Yet, hiding in scratched hollows on desert escarpments, dug frantically by night, with their wooden sticks aimed across a gully behind which were long strings of imaginary barbed wire, the New Zealand soldiers were able to put as much enthusiasm into their work as might have been expected from a well-equipped force.

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"NEW ORDER" A MASK FOR NAZI CONQUEST

ADOLF HITLER'S "New Order," that superficially attractive plan designed to further German military and economic domination of Europe, is today so generally accepted as another name for modern feudalism that only threats, intimidation and false promise can produce even the semblance of acceptance from its victims.

Norway's resistance to German rule has just compelled the "Quislings" to organise a special Norwegian "Riksting" to supersede the democratic Storting.

Two years' domination of Czechoslovakia produces only opposition to German schemes. Poland still continues its underground and guerilla warfare.

Only bullyings, and offers of former territory compelled Hungary to dishonor its recent pact of friendship and attack Yugoslavia.

In Croatia, Herr Hitler's most recent aggression, no reputable, accredited leader can be found to head a Germanised regime, and the people are waiting for deliverance from rather than tamely accepting the Nazi yoke.

Merely Exploitation

Herr Hitler's newest slogan, "New Order" attracts and attempts to satisfy the general desire for order out of the past quarter century of chaos, particularly the desire for greater economic security. Herr Hitler doesn't satisfy this desire. Instead, he demands that employment build up what Germany has destroyed or help increase German domination.

The "New Order" is merely the old order of exploitation extended to occupied territory and raises social problems the Nazi regime does not face because it cannot solve them.

It is obviously designed to make exploitation tolerable to the victims and hide the real significance of Nazi policy from the rest of the world.

Even its naivest victims know that the "New Order" is fundamentally a mere black-out—a pattern of vague economic jargon designed to disguise the efforts of Germany to achieve domination of the markets of the world.

So much documented evidence has been forthcoming regarding conditions in the countries subjugated by the Third Reich that it is unnecessary to enter into them again in great detail. It is much more important to understand clearly what a realisation of German ambitions would mean.

The Nazi Conception

Behind all the propaganda, terror, and confiscation, is a Nazi conception which is comprehensive and all-embracing—comprehensive in that it includes the whole world as its domain, and all-embracing in that different from earlier revolutions it seeks to dominate not only the political and economic, but also the cultural, racial, and religious realms.

In considering Adolf Hitler's "New Order" it should be remembered that the term "Neue Ordnung" implies not so much an "order" already completed as a "process of ordering," still going on. The confiscation and plunder in subjugated countries are not merely necessities of war—their speed might be justified on this account—but part of a long-conceived plan.

It is interesting to remember the slogans which Herr Hitler has adopted in pursuance of his conquests, and at the same time to remember that each of them has been abandoned when the particular objective with which it is concerned has been attained.

It may be recalled that among the victims of the 1934 purge was one who was reported to have declared that Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels, when asked about the application of the Socialism in National Socialism, replied, "that is merely like the gum on the typewriter."

So have been most of National Socialism's other slogans. In order to obtain power in Germany the slogan was "against Versailles and Marxism." The Third Reich's vast armaments programme had hardly begun when it became "the

injustices of Versailles" which enabled it from 1934 to 1938 to lull great as well as small nations into a false sense of security. With the Reichstag speech of February, 20, 1938, that is, almost immediately before the annexation of Austria, the slogan had changed to "Re-union of German-speaking peoples." After the Munich crisis of September, 1938, pan-Germanism boldly showed itself in the menace of Lebensraum (living space) which again, after the fall of France, was cast aside in order to make room for the Goebbels propaganda of the "New Order."

Cunning Inversion

National Socialism has succeeded to such an extent because it has been a cunning inversion of certain deep-rooted desires of many Europeans and has carefully fostered schisms in every country. When it offers, for example, European unity, it is not a federation in the real sense, since equality is entirely absent and it is based upon German conceptions of force, efficiency, and domination. In the Reichstag May 17, 1933, Herr Hitler declared, "We therefore have no use for the idea of Germanisation." That is in a sense true since Germanisation would imply the granting of equal status to the subjugated peoples, whereas these latter are considered distinctly inferior, mere helots, hewers of wood, and drawers of water.

Herr Hitler's "New Order" is a travesty of facts, bolstered up by the false theory of racial superiority. The truth or falsity of these theories, however, does not concern the Nazis. To them it is a question of justifying the acquisition of Lebensraum which belongs to others.

The essence of Nazi aggression derives from a self-centred Pan-Germanism which freely talks of a Herrenvolk of privileged blood and about which Robert Ley can say: "We have a divine right to rule." Herr Hitler's picture of an impoverished Germany in revolt against the "plutocratic democracies" which refuse to "curtail the limitless egoism of the individual in favour of the life of the whole," is, of course, fantastic to the world outside of Germany able to think independently; but it certainly carries weight where organised suppression of freedom of expression prevails.

The political Europe which Herr Hitler envisages is one of which Germany is the centre and the rulers are German. It is significant that the path of conquest which is now followed is much like that described in 1913 by Professor Cramb when he wrote: "It is not our (i. e. British) colonies that Germany desires. It is a great central European State with these islands as its conquered provinces." In that new State all democratic government would have to be replaced by the totalitarian system in which the Fuehrerprinzip would prevail with the Fuehrer either a Quisling or a German Gauleiter.

As Old As Tyranny

Probably the Nazis forget that the "Leadership Principle" which they extol, when previously applied in France, led to the Revolution of 1789. And the methods which they have adopted throughout conquered lands are most likely to make Germany more hated and to supply the surest proof of its utter unsuitability to be accepted as the fashioner of the new Europe. This means that Herr Hitler has nothing to offer the non-German world except a boasted inequality.

For his system which is not new, but as old as tyranny, would deny to subject peoples

FERDIN (AND) ISABELLA

Ferdinand and Isabella are two S79 bombers which have been shadowing British warships in the Aegean Sea. An officer explained, "We call them Ferdinand and Isabella because they are always flying high."

ONLY FIVE MINUTES LATE, DIED

A man who lived in a London area usually arrived home punctually for his evening meal, which was always ready for him.

One evening recently, while on his way home he was stopped by a neighbour. "I've got those eggs for you" he said.

The man stepped into the neighbour's house, picked up half a dozen eggs in a paper bag, and hurried home. He arrived five minutes late.

As he went in the house, the Alert sounded. "You run into the shelter," he said to his wife. "I'll finish my meal and follow you in a few minutes."

She had just reached the shelter when a bomb hit the house.

They found her husband, still sitting at the table, his unfinished meal in front of him. A rafter was pinning him down by the neck. He was dead.

On the table was a paper bag with half a dozen eggs in it. Not one of them was even cracked.

BUILD HOME IN 5 DAYS

Bungalows for bombed-out people, which can be erected in five days by unskilled labour for £150, without interfering with the supply of timber and steel, were approved at a London conference attended by representatives of the city councils of raided towns.

80, BURIED WITH DOLL

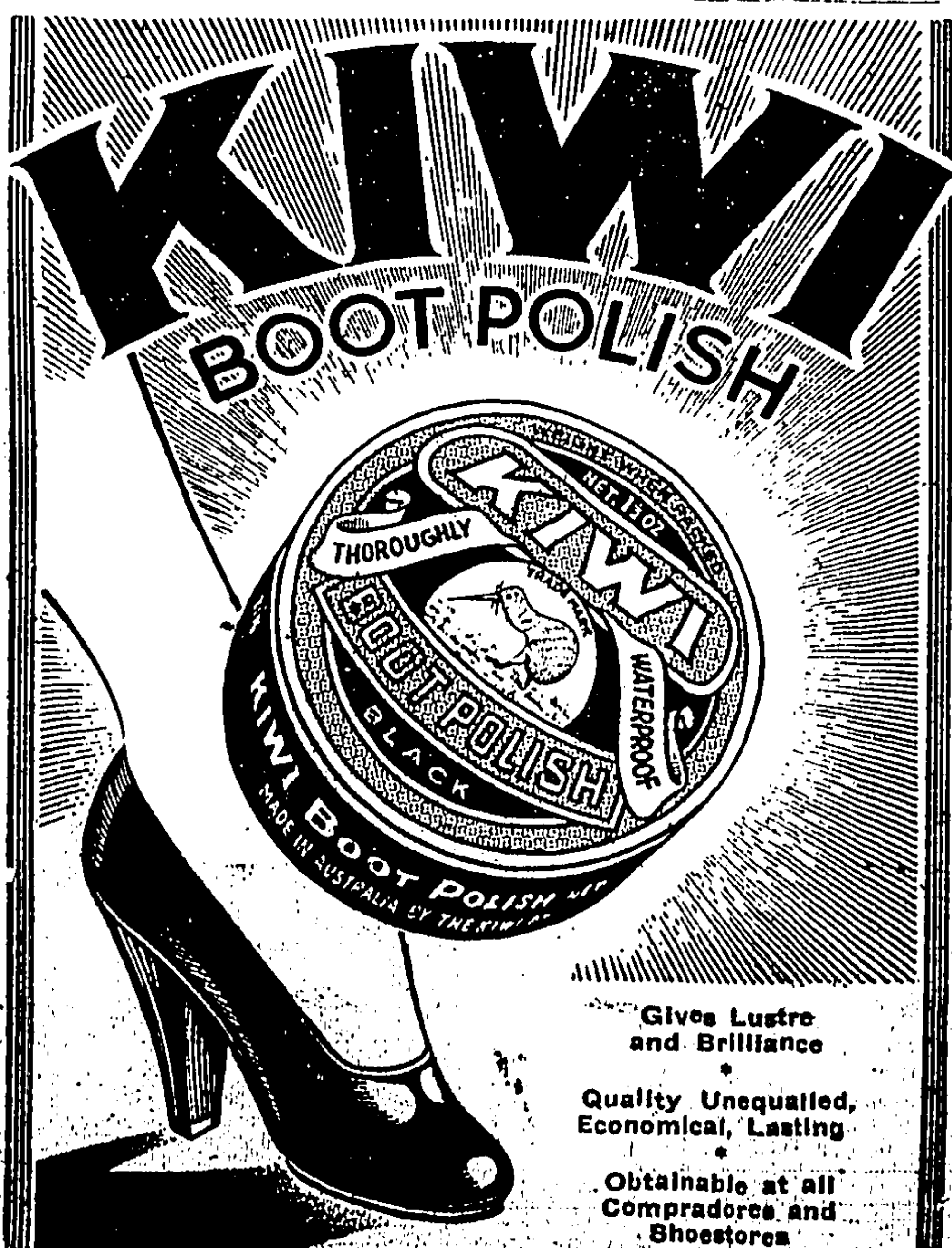
Mrs. Frank James, who died in New York aged eighty, was buried with a china doll she had as a child. "Bury my doll with me" was her dying wish.

U.S. SENDING 3,000 PIGEONS

Three thousand young homing pigeons are being sent from the U.S. to Britain for use by the R.A.F.

the right to maintain any political, social, cultural, or religious institutions not in accord with Nazi principles.

At the same time such political administration would be systematic and thorough. In keeping with German history it would be based upon that fierce and ruthless energy, that political indifference and extreme submission which non-Germans find it impossible to reconcile with human ideals. Germany, unfortunately, or perhaps better, Prussia, has during the past few generations built up a tradition of rule without resistance which makes it difficult to understand what toleration implies. It has never had to learn such lessons as have the British in North America (1776) or in Ireland (17th to 20th centuries), and it is significant that the ex-Kaiser (Wilhelm II) considered Gladstone's Home Rule Policy as fantastic.



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Paul Muni's masterful portrayal in "Hudson's Bay," the 20th Century-Fox adventure picture at the King's Theatre inspired this heroic figure by artist Harvey Dunn. Above you see his conception of Pierre Radisson, the renegade, traitor, rogue whom Muni portrays in the picture.

GAOL BREAK BY CAR, PONY AND BICYCLE

SCOTLAND YARD men watched London night haunts for the man no prison can hold, Stanley Hilton Thurston, who at dawn had made a spectacular escape from Dartmoor by horse, bicycle and motor-car.

Warders and police in cars, on horseback and on foot, aided by a huntsman and his pack, searched the moor as news flashed to the underworld that the "Houdini of the Gaols" was free again.

But it was believed that Thurston was nearer London than Dartmoor.

Using the black-out to cloak his activities, he may try to steal a service uniform to get lifts to London without arousing suspicion.

The combination of luck and cunning which favoured Thurston in his six months' freedom after his clever escape from Lewes Gaol in 1939 served him well.

Again he is believed to have used a key.

A bicycle was left unattended at Princetown.

Soon after Thurston's escape this was reported stolen.

Robin Hood Deeds

A few miles away, at Merri-vale, a car stood outside an inn. More good fortune—Thurston is a good mechanic and driver.

He was also seen riding a stolen horse near Tavistock.

This was a ruse to foil pursuers. The car was still in his possession.

The owner found the stolen bicycle in place of his car, a red and black Austin saloon, BND 829.

Thurston, 5ft. 9in., medium build, blue eyes, clean shaven, was wearing grey prison clothes. Thurston believes he is a Robin Hood, lived like one after his Lewes escape.

Posing as a wealthy son of a baronet, he lived luxuriously in the West End.

He never refused money to underworld associates.

No charity collector ever called at his flat without receiving a donation.

To the newsboy who brought his evening paper he nightly gave 6d.

To every street beggar or match-seller he gave half-a-crown.

The money for this largesse came from night raids on the homes of the rich.

The £500 mink coats were among the hoard of loot police found at his flat.

Thurston never works with a gang.

One of the many titles in which he glories is "Lone Wolf of the Underworld."

Harriers

"The Key King" and the "Man with the Magic Hands" are his other titles.

Prison warders and police have less glamorous names for him.

His Lewes escape was a record.

No man had ever before broken out of a Class A cell.

For his escapes he uses keys of special construction carried around his body in a belt.

In his Lewes exploit Thurston and another man ran through the streets in undervests and shorts.

People thought they were harriers.

Thurston had used this trick successfully in an earlier escape from Liverpool.

At Lewes he was in an observation cell—impossible for the ordinary prisoner to escape.

But with a key, and planks lashed together as a ladder, Thurston was out and over the 40ft gaol wall to liberty.

JITTERBUG VICE HALL

Sixty high school girls—many of them daughters of wealthy society families—are being questioned by detectives at St. Paul, Minnesota, regarding dance orgies in a Negro "jitterbug heaven."

School heads have already expelled several girls, and the wholesale removal of others seems imminent, following revelations that have astounded parents.

Girls were lured to a dance hall in the city's Negro district by promises of lessons in the latest steps of the Boogie-Woogie, a swing dance.

A shrieking Negro band played tunes while schoolgirls, some intoxicated, whirled around the floor in the arms of Negroes.

Frank Lewis, "king of jitterbug heaven," has been arrested.

"ITALIANS WANT TO WALK OUT"

Sir Ronald Storrs, speaking on the war in the Near East at Caxton Hall, Westminster, said:—

"There is a school of thought in Italy which thinks it would pay them to walk out on their ally and come in with Britain.

"Hitler has got to do something to keep his jackal Mussolini in the contest."

HER NOTE IN EARL'S GRAVE

—COURT STORY

Sir Delves Broughton, who is accused of the murder of the Earl of Erroll in Kenya, said that his wife and the Earl were in love, according to a statement which the police allege he made.

Sir Delves, added the police, said that his wife gave him a farewell note which she wished to be dropped into Lord Erroll's grave, and he dropped it on to the coffin after the mourners had gone.

Three alleged statements by Sir Delves were read at Nairobi, Kenya, at the inquiry into the earl's death.

According to one of them, Sir Delves received three anonymous letters.

One said: "What about the eternal triangle? What are you doing about it?"

Wife Confessed Love

Another said: "Do you know your wife and Lord Erroll have been staying at Carberry's house at Nyeri together?"

According to the police, Sir Delves stated that his wife told him later that Lord Erroll and she loved one another.

Sir Delves and his wife, continued the statement, had made a pact to release one another if either fell in love with some one else.

Accustomed to racing and to "cutting his losses," Sir Delves told his wife there was nothing to worry about and said he would go to Ceylon.

He denied all knowledge of Erroll's death.

MADE LOVE TO HIS FRIEND'S WIFE

Damages of £800 and a decree nisi with costs were granted in the Divorce Court to Major George Edward Shelley, Grenadier Guards, now employed at the War Office, because of the adultery of his wife, Lucy Gwen Shelley, with Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher Ronald Spear.

Mr. Justice Hodson said that Colonel Spear came home from China suffering from ill-health, and at the end of 1939 went to stay with Major and Mrs. Shelley at their London house.

"Thereafter," said Mr. Justice Hodson, "there is not the smallest doubt—and he does not seek to deny it—he abused the trust which had been placed in him by his brother officer and his old friend by making love to his wife."

The shock to Major Shelley was profound.

He suffered a serious blow to his honour in the loss of his wife, whom he undoubtedly valued. His damages claim was a moderate one and should be allowed in full.

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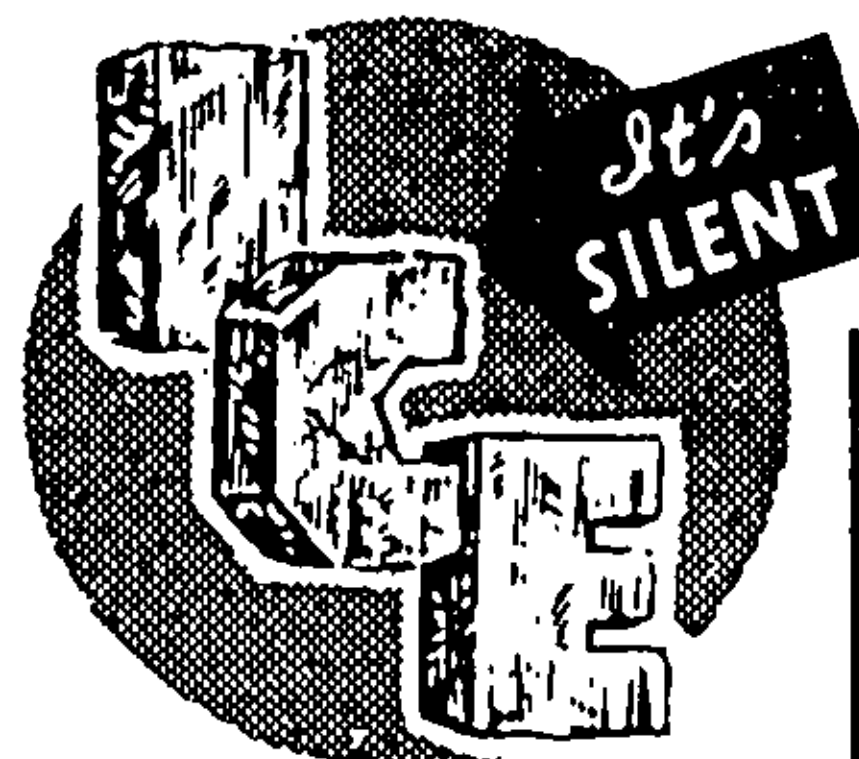
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BRIDGE NOTES

THE STORY OF A DOUBLE

By The Four Aces

"This will teach you boys to stop redoubling," remarked West as he laid down the Ace of diamonds. But he had a different story to tell a few minutes later.

South, Dealer	Both sides vulnerable
NORTH	
♠ 10 6	
♥ 8 3 2	
♦ 8	
♣ A K 10 9 5 4 3	
WEST	
♠ 7 6 2	
♥ K Q J 4	
♦ A 9 3	
♣ 8 7 2	
EAST	
♠ Q J 9 4	
♥ —	
♦ K Q J 7 6 2	
♣ Q J 6	
SOUTH	
♠ A K 8 3	
♥ A 10 9 7 6 5	
♦ 10 6 4	
♣ —	

The bidding.

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Rdbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West shifted to a spade after taking his diamond Ace, and sat back to collect three trump tricks at his leisure. But he had a long wait ahead of him! South was positive, from the double and West's assured manner, that all the missing trumps were in the West hand. The only chance to make the hand, therefore, lay in forcing West to lead trumps eventually.

He won the second trick with the King of spades, ruffed a diamond in the dummy, took the Ace of spades, and ruffed a spade in the dummy. Next he cashed the two top clubs, discarding his last two losers, and ruffed a club in his own hand.

South now led a low trump from his own hand! West won with the Jack, and exited safely with his only non-trump, a diamond. South ruffed and led another low trump.

At this point West had to win with the Queen of hearts and lead away from the King-4 of trumps up to South's Ace-10!

"This will teach you to stop doubling!" was all South had to say to West.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ K J 9 7
♥ A J 4
♦ K 10 5 3
♣ A 10

The bidding:

Minor	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	(?)		

ANSWER: Double. It is too dangerous to pass, since there is a very fine chance that the bidding will die at three spades. Naturally, you'd like to double a higher bid, but you must make sure of a big penalty for fear of letting them get away cheaply.

Score 100% for double, 30% for pass.

Question No. 724

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Minor	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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BURIED 8 DAYS UNDER DEBRIS

Raid Victim Tells Of His Experience

John Cormack, the 22-year-old plumber who was buried for eight days in a bombed Clydeside tenement, has now been able to give an account of his experiences. There is every hope that he will make a complete recovery.

A friend who was allowed to visit him in hospital said that Cormack chatted brightly and told him many things which might be of use to the rescuers. Cormack stated that he had no idea how long he lay buried. The time passed quickly. Throughout the whole time he heard tapplings and voices which seemed to come from a distance "Still," he added, "it was like hell all the time."

The rescued man was in lodgings with a family named Docherty. There were six of them in the house and he is the only survivor. The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Docherty and three of their daughters have been recovered from the debris, but there is still a daughter, Bessie, missing.

Cormack said that he was in bed when he heard the bomb coming and he had just time to pull the bed-clothes over him.

Unable To Move

Throughout the time he was buried he lay with the bed-clothes around him and he was unable to move.

An important part in saving his life was played by Dr. Ian Mackay. Crouching among the beams, he worked his way towards the trapped man. At that time only the lower part of Cormack's face could be seen. The doctor gave him tea and brandy from the palm of his hand until the rest of the wreckage had been pulled clear.

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His Excellency will be given a Royal Salute by the Guard of Honour drawn up before the saluting base on his arrival. His Excellency will then move to a position facing the flag staff, whereupon the Guard of Honour will again give the Royal Salute while the massed bands play the National Anthem.

The assembled troops will then give three rousing cheers for His Majesty the King and will then march past the stand where His Excellency will take the salute.

ARMED FORCES GET BIBLES

The boys in the armed services of the United States are adding the Bible, the world's "best seller," to their equipment. Reproduced in each book is a letter from President Roosevelt. It reads:

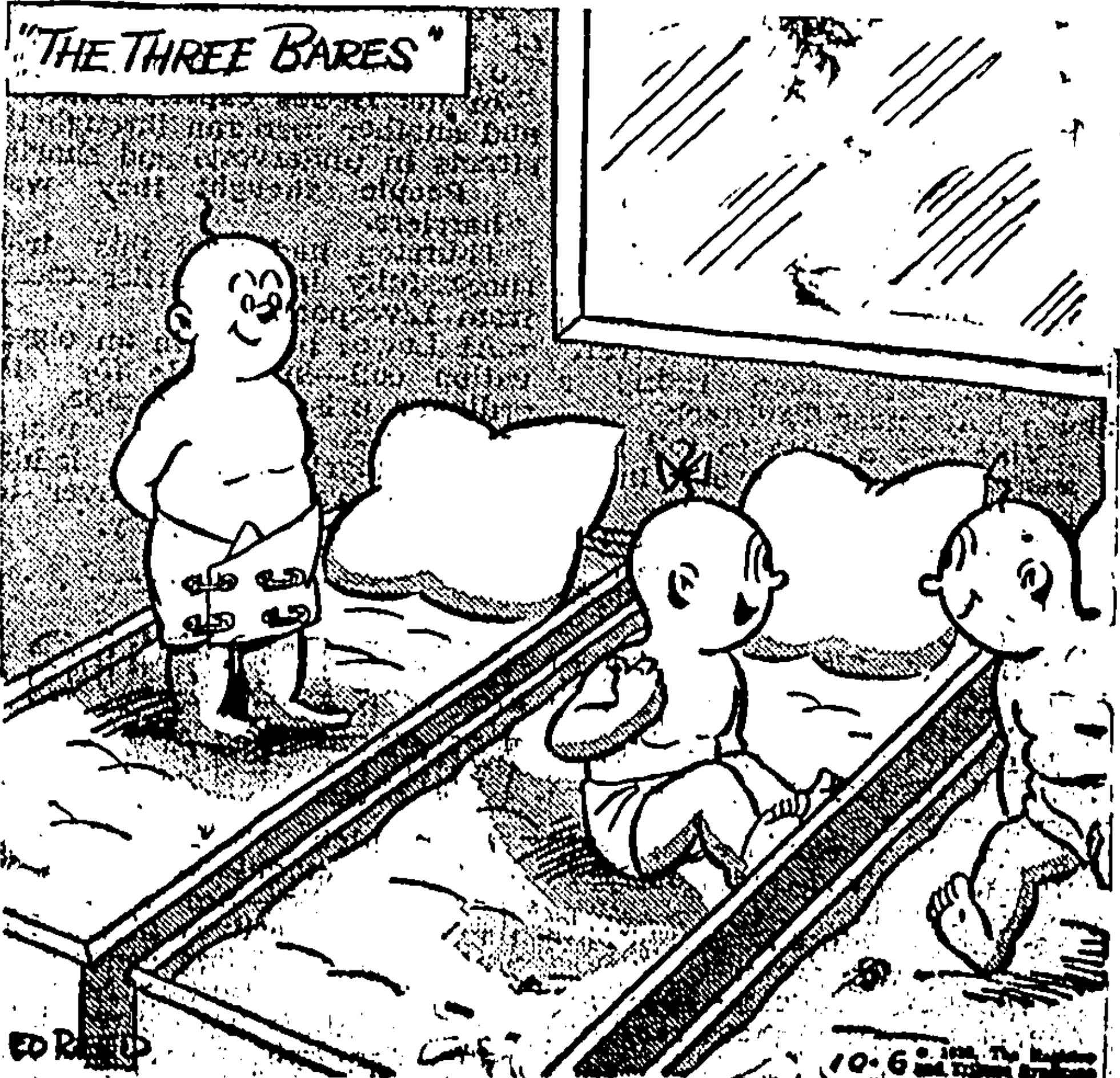
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Little Lessons In Good Looks

There are so many little things a woman can do to enhance her beauty—small details of grooming which pay—tenfold for the effort they take, and in money they cost little.

For instance, a refreshing and soothing complexion—tone-up for even the most sensitive skin may be had from common sweet milk. Remove dust and surface oil from the skin with warm water and a mild soap, rinse thoroughly and dry. Then dip fluffs of cotton into milk and pat gently all over the face and neck. Repeat this several times and then lie down and relax with witch hazel pads on your eyes, until the milk has dried. Then rinse it off and quickly skim over your face with an ice cube wrapped in a linen handkerchief. Then you are ready for your glamorising make-up.

To Refresh Feet

One of the nicest ways of coping with tired, aching and unattractive feet is to give them a glycerine treatment at home. You may purchase it in any drug store.

Start by plunging the feet into a tub of warm soapsuds. With a stiff brush, scrub briskly to soften calluses and bumps, and take the aching weariness out of your tired feet. Dry well with a bath towel.

If you are the unhappy possessor of a bunion, paint that enlarged joint with a mixture of equal parts of glycerine, tincture of iodine, and phenol. It will not banish the bunion entirely, but it will give almost immediate relief.

Bumps on your heels caused by wearing loose fitting opera pumps, as well as other annoying calluses, respond to a pure glycerine rub which acts as a softening agent, particularly right after a foot soaking and scrubbing.

To Heal Poison Ivy Rash

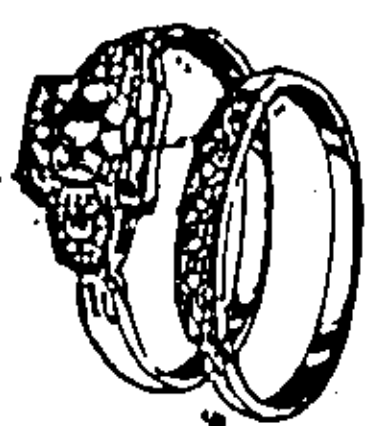
There is no doubt about it, poison ivy rash certainly robs a woman of her beauty—and usually it is hard to banish. If your druggist will closely follow these directions you will have on hand a cream which protects against the poison of the plant—you must

Penny Singleton applies her lip stick with a tiny brush. It gives a neater outline to the lips and aids in correctly following the natural mouth lines.

apply it before you go out into the country during spring and summer days! This comes from the United States Public Health Service.

It consists of a vanishing cream with 10 per cent sodium perborate or two per cent potassium periodate. Ask your druggist to make you some—the crystals of perborate or periodate must be powdered and added to the vanishing cream after the latter has been made.

The cream should be freshly prepared at least once in two weeks to avoid deterioration. Spread it thoroughly over face, hands, arms, legs and feet—or any skin area which is likely to come in contact with ivy when you are in the woods or fields. After four hours it should be washed off with soap and water and more cream put on if you are going to remain in the woods longer. The cream is effective on the body no longer than four hours.



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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

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The British Grenadiers—Patrol March (Robinson); The Cock of the North—Highland Patrol (Carrie)....

Foden's Motor Works Band.

Young Briton's Heritage (Hennessy); Our River Thames (Hennessy)....

Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with piano.

Fanfare: The Minstrel Boy; The Watch Tower; Mechanised Infantry—Quick March (McBain)....

The Massed Bands of the Aldershot & Eastern Commands.

1. Fear No Foe (Pinsuti).... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with piano.

Royal Review—Quick March (Silver); Tudor Rose (Adams)....

Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Variety.

Humorous—The Old School Tie.... The Western Brothers

Vocal—My Old Irish Mother (Dean); Danny Boy (Weatherley)....

Malone singing a Duet with himself.

Sketch—The Steamboat Trip.... Ethel Revnell & Gracie West, the Two Cockney Kids.

Scottish Comedian—Round Scotland with Will Fyfe.... Will Fyfe with Orchestra

Vocal—The Irish Emigrant (Barker); Danny Malone (Tenor) with Orchestra

Humorous—Keeping Up the Old Traditions.... The Western Brothers

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Coleridge-Taylor—Four Characteristic Valses.

Valse Bohemienne; Valse Rustique; Valse de la Reine; Valse Mauresque

New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by J. Ansie Murray

1.58 p.m.—The Royal Command Concert, 1938.

To Heart-Easing Mirth (Percell-Davies); Isobel Baillie, Elsie Suddaby, Astra Desmond & Chorus

The Cloud-Capt Towers (Steven); Massed Choirs cond. by Sir Hugh Allen

Y Bore Glas (Welsh Folk Song).... Margaret Rees & Welsh Chorus.

Twankydllo (English Folk Song).... Robert Easton & English Chorus

England (Parry).... Mary Jarred & Massed Choirs

Jerusalem (Parry); National Anthem (Final verse).... Massed Choirs.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

8.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—An Elgar Programme.

Prelude "The Kingdom," Op. 51.... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra

cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.

It's Ohi To Be A Wild Wind; Feasting, I Watch.... The Westminster Singers

La Capricieuse, Op. 17.... Josef Hassid (Violin) with piano.

"Crown of India" Suite, Op. 66. Introduction and Dance of Nautch

Girls—Minuet—Warriors' Dance—March of the Mogul Emperors....

London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour"

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.01 p.m.—An Empire Programme.

Fantasia—The British Empire (arr. Haydn).... Wood—Intro.: England—"The British Grenadiers"; Ireland—"The Minstrel Boy"; India—Rekhtah; Wales—"March of the Men of Harlech"; Canada—Canoeing Song; Australia—Aboriginal Air; South Africa—Folk Song; Scotland—Callie Herrin' & The Hundred Pipers; New Zealand—National Song; Finale.... Mayfair Symphony Orchestra.

Land of Hope and Glory (Elgar).... Nancy Evans and Chorus with The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

The Road to the Isles (Kennedy Fraser).... Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with piano.

Waltzing Matilda (Paterson—Cowan).... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra & Chorus.

English Folk Songs & Dances (arr. Fairfield)—Intro.: John Barleycorn; Admiral Benbow; As I Walked Through the Meadows; Bingo; Dashing away with the Smoothing Iron; Nancy's Fancy; Drunken Sailor; Bacca Pipes Jig; Ol Waly! Waly! Heave Away My Johnny; Barley Mow; The Crystal Spring.... Regimental Band of H.M. Irish Guards.

Walala Poi (Hill).... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra & Chorus.

The Dear Little Shamrock (Jackson).... Danny Malone (Tenor) with Organ.

Land of My Fathers (James & James).... David Brazell (Baritone) with Orchestra.

Colonial Medley—Intro.: Canada—"The Maple Leaf for ever"; "O Canada"; Australia—"Advance, Australia"; New Zealand—"God defend New Zealand"; South Africa—"Sarie Marais".... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

God Save The King; and Rule, Britannia.... Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"The Empire at War". Extracts from the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill's speeches May 1940—May 1941.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Ivor Novello—"The Miracle of Nicaea"; Temple Ballet Music from "Careless Rapture".... Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.

9.30 p.m.—Studio—Talk in Polish by Pawel Kittay, Press Attache to the Polish Legation in Shanghai.

9.40 p.m.—Local Sports Results.

Tom Took Mine "In Tow"

"TOM NEWTON, Devon," are the only details of the identity of the hero of a floating mine exploit which has won the Medal of the Civil Division of the O.B.E. in the latest list of awards for bravery.

Describing how he won the award, the announcement says: "A floating mine was being washed through a harbour entrance and appeared likely to ground close to some cottages.

"Mr. Newton took a long oar and, with complete disregard of his own safety, guided the mine out, passing it along the breakwater and fending it off. When he found a suitable place, he beached the mine and reported it to the authorities.

"The mine had all its horns intact, which made it specially dangerous. Had the mooring rope fouled, or the mine struck against the breakwater, it might have been blown up and killed the people in the cottages."

Heroism in a big generating station, where 20,000 gallons of

oil was threatened by fire when incendiary bombs rained down in a raid some time ago wins the George Medal for Mr. George Herbert Whelton, station superintendent, London Powers Company, Ltd.

While Mr. Whelton and his assistants were saving the power station, fire bombs and high explosives were dropping all around and there was danger of the oil bursting into flames or that 22,000-volt electric current might become "live" and cause disaster.

"My crew at the station kept going under a heavy raid "Mr. Whelton said.

His "Flying Trapeze"

"The noise of the raid was so terrific that I did not realise that a bomb had fallen only fifty yards away. I did not even hear the explosion.

"The place caught fire. We kept it in check and eventually put out the flames with vapour. We could not use water, because it would have affected the electrical equipment of the station.

"Next we found that some of the oil from a transformer had leaked and had caught fire. This we also put out. Then down came more incendiaries—and the roof went up.

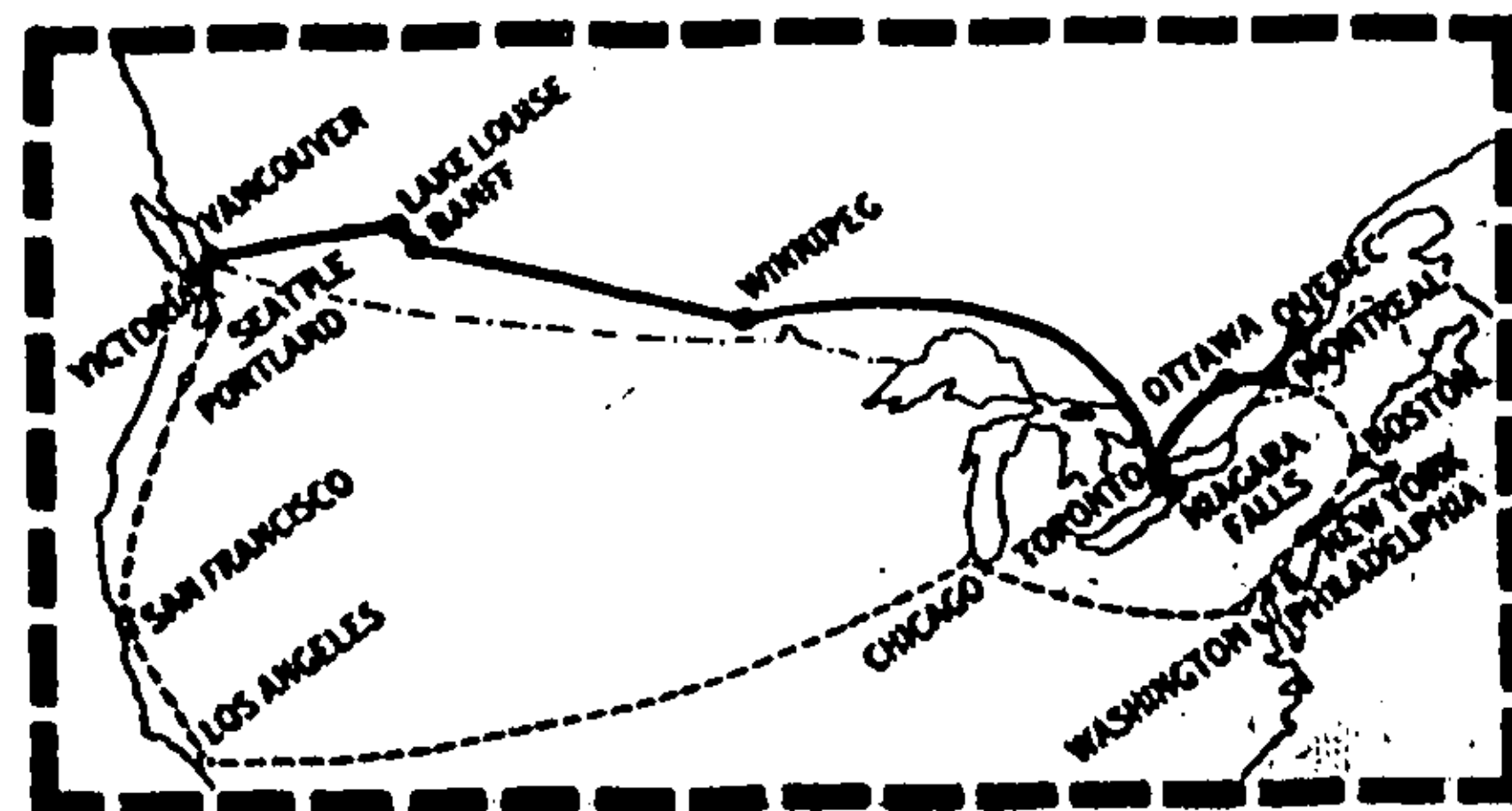
"I clambered up to the roof, forty feet above, with a foam extinguisher. With the help of the others, the roof was prevented from becoming a real blaze and falling into the switch room below.

As an example of the coolness of his "crew," he said that while clambering on the roof he heard snatches of "The Man on the Flying Trapeze," coming from below.

The George Medal also goes to Sergeant David Lionel Grigg, of "P" Division, Metropolitan Police. After a German plane had crashed and demolished two houses, burying the occupants, he removed four bombs from the debris so that rescue work could proceed.

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INTERESTING LAWN BOWLS PROGRAMME

"Local Derby" Attraction At King's Park

Big Test For Kowloon F.C. In Second Division

By "Lead"

THE LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY IS A PARTICULARLY GOOD ONE AND SOME EXCELLENT MATCHES SHOULD BE SEEN IN ALL DIVISIONS.

There are several interesting matches in First Division. First and foremost will be the meeting of the two Recreio teams—the only teams in the division, incidentally, that have not yet lost a match—but although the junior team, as is always the case in a local derby, will be all out to lower the colours of their official betters, they are not likely to beat the well-balanced champions.

Craigengower visit their neighbours, the Police, when another good match should be seen. Craigengower are a formidable outfit and will have out their strongest team and notwithstanding the ground advantage held by their opponents, should win, although the margin might be a small one.

Kowloon Dock and K.C.C. will stage the first battle of the wooden spoon. Neither team have yet won a match and I hesitate to forecast the result. Ground advantage, however, should just carry K.C.C. through.

Some Changes

K.B.G.C. "A", following their defeat at the hands of I.R.C. last week, have made some radical changes in their team, although having regard to the form shown last week by some of the "changes" if I may coin a word some of the changes are rather difficult to understand. Civil Service, however, are not a power in the land this season, and so the home team should win.

The changes mentioned above should prove of great benefit to the K.B.G.C. "B" team and I am not sure that the latter is not now the better-balanced outfit. With this in mind, therefore, I expect the juniors to turn the tables on the Indians, especially as the latter are not nearly so formidable when playing away.

Second Division

The big match in Second Division is the Craigengower-K.F.C. fixture at the Valley. The Footballers are favoured by many to win the championship but they will have to watch their step this afternoon, especially as the Craigengower green is an extremely difficult proposition for any player not absolutely used to it. K.F.C.'s better balance should weigh the scales in their favour but I don't think there will be very much in it.

Prison Officers, at the end of the day, will probably take top place in the League table as they should not have much trouble against Cricket Club, but all the other fixtures in this division are very open. Recreio have not done too well of late and I think are due for a win, while K.C.C., having now discovered their ability to win matches, should take most of the points away from Talkoo,

who are not a patch on what they were last year.

Third Division

Best match in Third Division is likely to be the I.R.C.-K.B.G.C. fixture at Sookunpoo, but, with home advantage, I.R.C. should just pull it off.

"LEAD'S" FORECAST

FIRST DIVISION

Recreio "B"	v.	Recreio "A"
R.R.C.	v.	C.C.C.
K.C.C.	v.	K.D.R.C.
K.B.G.C. "A"	v.	C.S.C.C.
K.B.G.C. "B"	v.	I.R.C.

SECOND DIVISION

H.K.F.C.	v.	Recreio
P.O.C.	v.	H.K.C.C.
Talkoo R.C.	v.	K.C.C.
C.C.C.	v.	K.F.C.

THIRD DIVISION

Recreio	v.	C.C.C.
I.R.C.	v.	K.B.G.C.
H.K.E.R.C.	v.	H.K.F.C.
H.K.C.C.	v.	P.R.C.

NAZIS FRAME THEIR OWN SOCCER RULES

THERE'S ALWAYS THE OTHER FELLOW'S POINT OF VIEW, BUT IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE SIGNIFICANT THAT WHEN THE SUBJECT IS "NEVER AGAIN" I FIND THE OTHER FELLOW IS GENERALLY A WOMAN.

AS, FOR INSTANCE, THIS FROM ONE WITH A TUNBRIDGE WELLS ADDRESS, WRITES L. V. MANNING IN THE "DAILY SKETCH."

"We are hoping that after the war Germany and Italy may again play their part in helping to create a new world." (That could be Hitler talking.)

"Sport, as music, is international, and there are just as good sportsmen of this country to teach them what real sportsmanship means."

I know, I know. But haven't successive generations tried? Those who so argue may be unanswerable theoretically, but when oh, when, does theory end and practical experience—bitter experience—begin to count?

We don't say Germans must not play. We do say we don't want to play with them until the German nation has completely eliminated from its blood stream to the civilised world's satisfaction the unspeakable evil which is Nazism.

German Soccer Independence

Meanwhile, the Germans do not wait. They have taken first steps

to set up a new order in sport over which will be the black shadow of German domination.

They have had the colossal impudence to force on an International Football Federation meeting in Zurich an alteration of the accepted charging rule which permits a player to charge another only when both are playing the ball.

They want to legalise obstruction, and so reduce soccer to a series of all-in free fights all over the field.

We shall go on thinking one ought to have a ball and that playing it, not the player, is a first principle of the game.

British teams have suffered most of their defeats on the continent through their good-hearted tolerance in submitting to illegal and often vicious obstruction. Remember Italy? These are the people we are asked to sit down with after the war!

They can stop in the midst of a world war to foul the law book behind the back of other nations!

Our Answer

Be sure this comic Zurich meeting was attended only by Germans or German-controlled countries.

There are over 60 nations in the Federation Internationale de Football Association. How many could possibly have sent delegates—or would if they could?

The last known here about the Federation is that it made no attempt to function after war broke out.

But it is true that its headquarters are in Zurich, and heaven only knows what evil pressure has been brought to bring about some kind of one-horse meeting. Be sure also that the civilised world will go on playing the game as it knows it should be played.

But let's hope the Germans go on perpetrating these howlers. Wonderful propaganda for the "never again" association!

CRAZY NAZI SPORTS PLAN

Within a few hours of the news reaching London of the outrageous German raid on the Soccer rule-book at a so-called meeting of the International Football Federation in Zurich, I have had information of large-scale but crazy Nazi world sport plans, writes a correspondent.

It comes from a trusted Lisbon source, where, believe me, they know something about German intrigue just now.

It reveals a Nazi dream of Germanised world sport on the old familiar lines, and includes a European Soccer Cup series in Paris in May, "ersatz" Olympic Games in Berlin in June, tennis on super-Wimbledon lines in July, an open golf championship on a wonder course on which money is now being squandered, and a German Derby (presumably with stolen horses) for a fabulous money prize.

As war-time events, the Germans know, of course, these cannot matter. They are building for the time when the nations plunge back into play again.

Hitler Feared Sport

Nazi chiefs are well aware of the tremendous part sport was playing in breeding international friendships and its humanising influences.

What Hitler fears he plots to control. He feared sport as the most powerful rival to his militarised youth movements, and this is the reason why long before the war he insinuated Gestapo agents into every German and Austrian sporting organisation.

If you think a sport programme too trivial for inclusion in the Nazis' new order you don't know the Nazis.

Poison Pamphlets At Races

In the months before the Butcher of Berchtesgaden unleashed his war hounds, showers of anti-British poison leaflets were dropped from the air over the racecourses of Denmark, Holland, and Belgium, where English jockeys were riding.

I have seen one of these, which

TRAINER'S LUCKY ESCAPE

By "RAPIER"

An accident, luckily not of a serious nature, occurred at the Valley this morning in the course of training.

Newborn Star, belonging to Mr. C. N. K. and which has been entered for the Killara Stakes (second section) at the next race meeting, was taken out by Mr. Victor, the Russian trainer, for its trial gallop.

As the pony was trotting past the winning post, however, it started a mad rush towards the rails near the seven furlongs post. The rider was unable to control it and was thrown heavily. He was helped towards the rails, and, after resting awhile, went back to the jockey room unassisted.

His face was badly scratched, but if he had not fallen before reaching the rails, both pony and rider would probably have suffered serious injury. The pony was later caught, but Mr. Victor was not seen again on the course during the morning.

read: "Ask the jockey Gordon why he is in Copenhagen? Are there no Danish jockeys for Danish horses? (etc)."

Nazi agents moved among the race crowds whispering fantastic stories.

Has Never Forgotten This

I can understand the Hitler order to stage an imitation Olympic Games, which, of course, no athlete outside occupied Germany will attend unless he has a Tommy gun at his back.

Hitler will not have forgotten the humiliations of German track and field champions he witnessed in the Games of 1936.

He scowled fiercest when coloured American gentlemen were scooping the laurels. His attitudes would have disgraced a bad-tempered schoolboy.

Inspired Charlie Chaplin

Two years later, in Berlin, I saw the Leni Riefenstahl monumental film of the games on which millions of marks were spent.

I wrote at the time that the magnates of Wardour Street were missing wonderful propaganda by refusing to give the film British circulation. They told me they feared demonstrations.

It was shown in America, and I would not be surprised if the close-ups of Hitler did not inspire some of Chaplin's best efforts in "The Great Dictator." The Games film was damning evidence that the Nazi chiefs are bad losers and worse winners.

But even if the impossible happens and we lose the war, these grandiose Nazi sport plans must crumble with the rest of his New Order. No one ever yet mixed sport and politics.

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BASEBALL

Uninteresting Baseball Friendlies Feature Week-End Programme

H.B. Meet Weakened Chung Hwa This Afternoon

Recreio Definitely Not Competing This Season

By "Grandstand"

THE WEEK-END'S baseball card will be featured by two friendly tilts, when Hong Kong Brewers meet Grandpa Leung's Chung Hwas to-day at 3.00 p.m. and the Royal Engineers take on the South China nine to-morrow at 11.00 a.m. Both scuffles will be staged at the Caroline Hill Stands.

Judging from their convincing show against the Mighty Tulsa last week, H.B. are a cinch to trim Chung Hwa in an afternoon's batting practice. Chung Hwa are still scouting around for players to make a team, not that they cannot field nine men, but rookies are a dime a dozen, especially those with holes in their bats.

Madeen "Slim" Arculli will be on the hill for the Beermen with brother Obeah behind the batter, supported by their regular infield artists. Stan Leonard at first base, Tony Alves at second, George Souza at short-stop and Dave Leonard holding third. Outfielders will be Hank "Showboat" Ali, Abbas Ozorio, with Bakar Hamet, Neves and Hussain polishing the pine.

For the Leungmen, Al Lau will toe the rubber with Bill Chang receiving. The rest of the line-up is still uncertain, but will probably be "Morocco" Chan at first, Ho at second, "Wee" Willie Woo in the windy alley and Kwok holding third base.

To-morrow's Game

On Sunday morning the Sappers cross bats with the Caroline Hill team at 11.00 a.m.

Former Shanghai slab artist Kenny Moy will toil on the mound for the Chinese with Hal Winglee catching. Moy gave a brilliant performance on the hill for the Chinese last week when he limited the Mauling Mindinaoans to only seven blows in his first game of the year, and is bound to give a better show when he has eased the kinks out of his soup-bone.

Veteran Tommy Chan who will take on coaching duties this year, will be seen at first base, while C. W. "Texas" Ng will be "hopping" around the middle bag with Wally Ching on the other side. Nip "the cushion robber" Lun will be covering the hot-corner. Out in the wide open spaces will be I. C. Wong, Cecil Winglee and Nelson Ma. Utilities will be Smally Pang Sai-kwong, Dopey Lo and Kwan Yum-tim.

The probable battery for Engineers will be "Lefty" Mike Sarsfield and Tom Fox, which is the best combination they have so far produced. The Sappers made the mistake last week of starting Radcliffe on the mound instead of Sarsfield, the latter conceding a total of only three measly blows in the second and third frames, but poor fielding let him down badly. Infielders for the Engineers will probably be Shaw, at first, Jimmy Welford, at second, Heath, plugging up the short-stop gap, and Taylor guarding third base. The gardeners will most likely be selected from Foley, Radcliffe, Gough, Iley and Taylor.

With the closing of league entries still a week away, speculation is rife among baseball enthusiasts concerning the number of entries to the league.

Particulars of the forthcoming league have been circulated to the various military units through the Area Sports Board, and with the present interest shown towards baseball, it is quite likely that a few of the keener units will send teams in. The Royal Engineers, who have already participated in a few friendlies, will definitely enter a team.

Army Sides

Royal Scots, 8th R.A. and the R.A.F. were able to raise football

Although the highly ballyhooed Canadians were the first to start spring training as far back as two months ago, by turning out for friendly tilts in full, their recent cessation from activities on the diamond seem to suggest that everything is not "hunky dory." Is this another of those false alarms that usually fizzle down to nothing after a few defeats? I sincerely hope that this is not the case, and that they will in due course send in their entry.

It has been authoritatively learned that Club de Recreio who find themselves unable to raise a team at this late stage, has definitely abandoned the idea of participating in the league, although high hopes were originally entertained by many supporters, when the venue of the games was still in question.

At the last meeting, it was suggested to have mid-week games played off to ease the schedule in case the number of entries justify such a step, but with the numerous calls for Volunteer duties, it is doubtful whether such a step will be practicable. At the present moment, the only teams capable of playing mid-week games are the two Navy squads, the Mindinao and Tulsa nines.

SOUTH CHINA DRAWS FIRST GAME

South China football team, First Division champions and Senior Shield holders, who are touring Malaya, played their first game on Thursday when they were held to a two-all draw by the Combined Chinese team at Singapore. No details are available yet.

ARMY TENNIS

In an "A" Division Army Tennis League, F. A. Staff beat 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, by two points to one at Sookunpoo yesterday. Following were the full scores: -
Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce and Capt. Whitaker (R.A.) lost to H. Brown

FIRST C.B.C. GALA

The Chinese Bathing Club will hold their first swimming gala of the season at their pavilion at North Point to-day, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Following is the programme.

OPEN EVENTS

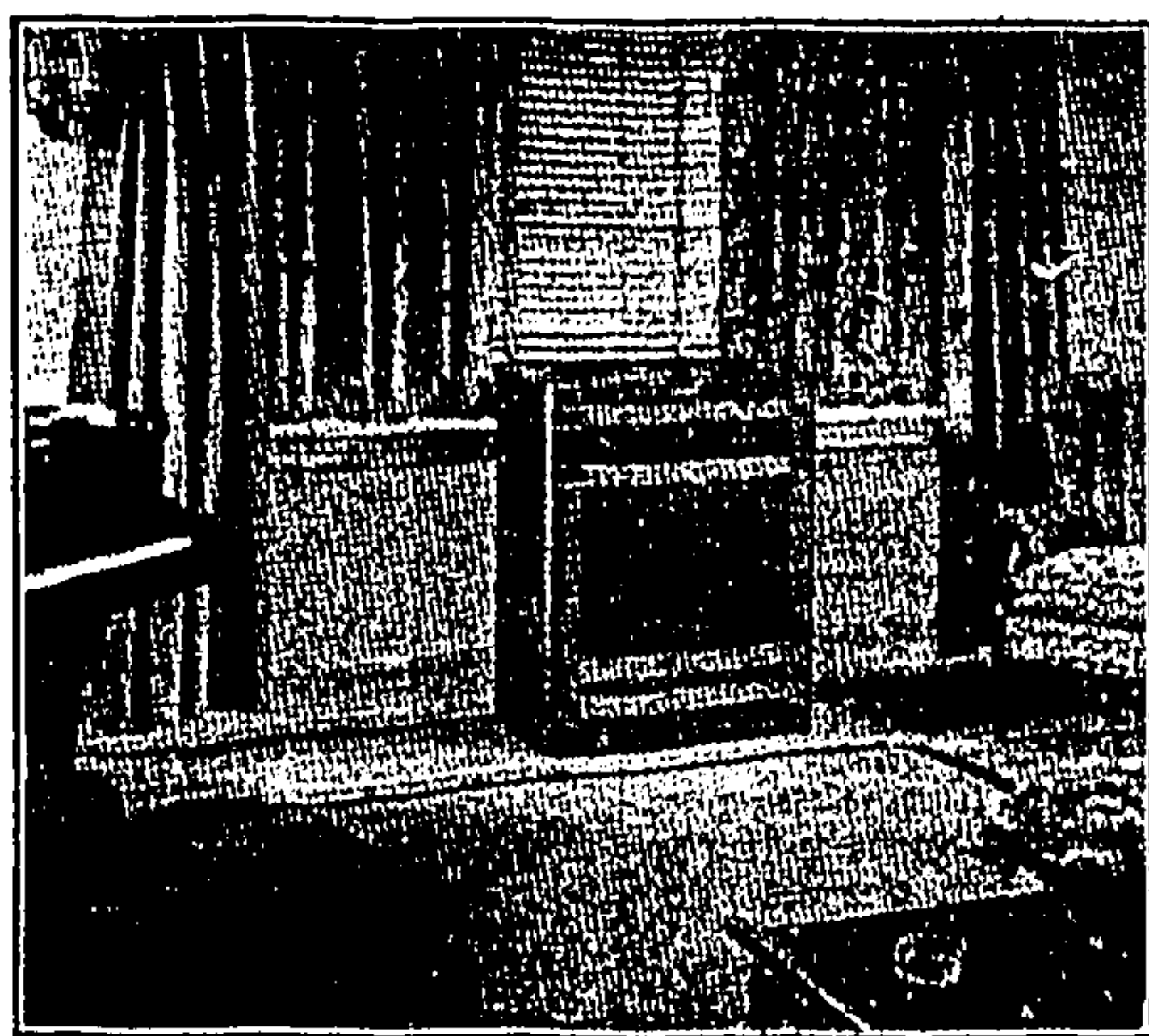
Men's 200 metres Relay.
Ladies' 100 metres Free-style

CLUB EVENTS

Children 50 metres Free-style handicap
Ladies' 50 metres Free-style handicap
Men's 100 metres Free-style handicap
Ladies' 100 metres Breast-stroke.
Men's 50 metres Free-style
Obstacle Race.

and M. Hassan, 3-6, 3-6, 4-6.
Sgt. Morgan and Sgt. Coughlin (R.A.) lost to T. B. Gutierrez and W. A. Reed, 4-6, 1-6, 6-4.
Bdr. Mew and Bdr. Savage (R.A.) beat A. Galpin and D. S. Clark, 9-7, 6-2, 6-2.

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CAROL GOING TO AMERICA

Ex-King Carol of Rumania and Madame Lupescu have booked passages on board the new United States liner "America," leaving St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, on Wednesday next week. They are due in Havana on June 1.—Reuter.

MUSLIM LOYALTY

A crowded meeting of Shias (a section of Muslims) at Lucknow yesterday passed a resolution re-sending the "treachery of Raschid Ali against the Iraqi Government and his declaration of war against the British Government."

The meeting reaffirmed loyalty to the British Government and belief that the British Government will safeguard the sacred shrines of Iraq.—Reuter.

NEW C.G.S. IN INDIA

Lieutenant-General T. J. Hutton has been appointed Chief of the General Staff, India. Lt.-Gen. Hutton became Deputy Chief of the General Staff, India, last year.—Reuter.

London Press Warning To Adm. Darlan

UNLESS VICHY changes its policy, says the London "Daily Telegraph" the practical reply which Mr. Anthony Eden announced of abolishing the distinction between occupied and unoccupied territory is inevitable and must be swift.

Vichy will endeavour to keep what Mr. Eden said from every French ear. . . . Every effort must therefore be made to circulate the statement among the French people.

The declaration that a policy of enslavement to Nazism would alienate the United States from the Vichy Government, must give Admiral Darlan pause even on the verge. Even if it did not, refusal to recognise the Vichy oligarchy as a "Government from the people, for the people and by the people" would carry great weight in determining relations between the French nation and its unchosen rulers.

Greatest Tragedy

The "Daily Mail" states that whatever happens the sufferers will be the "little people of France."

Emphasising that the emotions of Britain tend towards pity rather than bitterness, the "Mail" continues: "These facts even now we must with every means within our power make clear to France."

No effort we and the United States can make is too great, no resource too little, which

might yet prevent the greatest tragedy this war could bring — open hostilities between Britain and France.

"But if it is to be otherwise let the French people remember that the hand that released the bombs was the hand of Darlan." — Reuter.

HOW NAVY BROKE UP ATTEMPT AT LANDING

(Continued from Page 1)

ponies, whereupon the Italian was seen to launch five torpedoes. "While we were avoiding them our fire was masked but another cruiser was able to get a clear sight and gave a full 6-inch broadside, all of which seemed to hit."

"A violent explosion occurred and the destroyer's end was inevitable. Throughout she never fired her guns."

"The Admiral then led the squadron through what he believed was the middle of a convoy, which proved to consist mainly of sailing caiques."

"A large number of these were sunk and in addition to the steamer already sunk by destroyers we sank a small steamer with our main armaments, leaving her burning and heavily down on the waterline."

Germans In Water

"Some of the caiques endeavoured to evade attack by hiding the soldiers below decks and flying the Greek flag, while others retaliated with machine-gun and rifle fire."

"We continued to sweep northwards until no more caiques were picked up by the searchlights."

"On a subsequent sweep we passed large numbers of Germans in the water clinging to wreckage and shouting for help, but the possibility of enemy E-boats being in the vicinity did not permit our rescuing survivors."

QUESTIONED REGARDING THE STRENGTH OF THE CONVOY THE CAPTAIN STATED THAT OWING TO THE PITCH DARKNESS IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE ACCURATELY. THOUGH HE THOUGHT THERE WERE AT LEAST 40 CAIQUES CARRYING ABOUT 100 MEN EACH, WHILE THE S M A L L MERCHANTMEN WOULD CARRY SEVERAL HUNDREDS AND STORES.

Heavy Casualties

The action lasted about three hours, so German casualties must necessarily have been very heavy.

In addition to smashing up the sea-borne attack the same forces shot down three Junkers 87 dive-bombers during two days prior to the action.

They finally returned safely to base despite incessant dive-bombing.

The bombers began at dawn in groups of half a dozen to a dozen strong and repeated about 30 attacks.—Reuter.

SHIP SEIZURES APPROVED

The joint U.S. House and Senate conference committee yesterday agreed to legislation permitting the Government to seize some 80 foreign ships now lying in American harbours, says Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The death occurred early this morning at Kowloon Hospital of Mr. J. R. Suiter, Manager of Fletcher's Pharmacy.

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